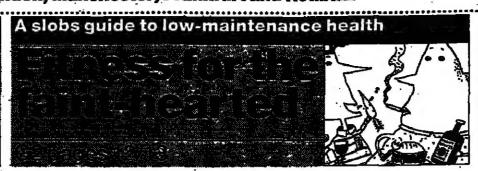
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Education actiejs protest end of dy retirement

Man who attacked playground children faces life sentence



The machete used by Horrett Campbell in his attack on children attending the teddy bears' picnic at St Luke's, Wolverhampton

The price of terror

JP failed to order mental check

PARANOED schizophrenic found guilty yesterday of ettempting to murder seven dren with a machete at an infant school's teddy bears' picnic had ric assessment when he appeared in court eight months | three children at St Luke's. A | cal condition that required

But no psychiatric report was ordered and Horrett Campbell, aged 33, emerged from a brief jall sentence to carry out his attack at St Luke's infants school, in Blackenhall, Wolverhampton,

in July this year. lan Gillespie, the magis-trate who made the decision not to seek a psychiatric report, defended his decision yesterday partly on the grounds that Campbell said he would not co-operate.

sure not to adjourn cases for it all so well." sure not to adjourn cases for psychiatric reports because of the costs. Mr Fletcher said: that Campbell had claimed that campbell had claimed that children at the school were part of a conspiracy against him and called him names. He believed they were



Horrett Campbell ... gefus to accept psychiatals help

Campbell, who had active nation for Duahland may derer Thomas Hamilton and Martin Bryant, who killed 35 people in Tasmania, was told he faces life imprisonment for had set fire to his own car the attack on four women and "He appeared to have a medijury at Stafford crown court treatment," said the report. convicted him unanimously

on all counts.

Mr Justice Sedley ordered him to be detained at Ashworth high security hospital, Liverpool, for 12 weeks for assessment before sentencing.

"Mr Campbell's solicitor of the security hospital, Liverpool for 12 weeks for assessment before sentencing."

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devils. A witness said that Campbell had strode through the playground littered with toys brandishing the 2ft ma-chete as if cutting corn. Asked why he had stopped the attack, Campbell replied: "It was enough. I wanted to

get even and hurt them." Police found newspaper pic-tures of Hamilton and Bryant pasted to his bedroom wall in his nearby flat. Beside Bry-ant's picture, Campbell had drawn a Valentine love heart and Cupid's bow.

Campbell had appeared at Campoel had appeared at Wolverkampton magistrates court in November 1995 charged with affray and possession of an offensive weapon. The count report recommended that Gampoel be psychiatrically assessed before seatence.

The report said that Car bell had claimed that, for two years, he had heard voices whispering about him and

told me that Mr Campbell had informed him that he would which I am caused to send informed him that he would you to a mental hospital I shall be certainly passing a sentence of life imprisonment in a statement. "That alone to sentence of the control of the control of the control of the control of the caused the control of the control of the control of the control of the caused the control of the control of the caused the control of the control of the caused t sentence of life imprisonment on you."

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The judge also said he would not co-operate.

Probation officers and penal reformers last night called for changes in the treatment of mentally disturbed offenders.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said that it was the job of the psychiatric services to try to persuade mentally ill offenders into treatment. The courts were now under tremendous pressure not to adjourn cases for sure not to adjourn cases for the four-day trial heard.

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As Ms Potts left the court yesterday, she said: "The school is getting back to normal now and the children are absolutely marvellous. You can't believe that children with such terrible scars on their faces would come out of it all so well."

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The four-day trial heard that Campbell had claimed the children at the school trate's version of events.



Lisa Potts with head teacher Denise Bennett

EU leaders' deal adds to Major's turmoil

ian Traynor in Nure Sarah Ryle and Michael White

RANCE and Germany fuelled John Major's political turmoil last night as they spelt out their determination to seek

faster progress on the Euro-pean single currency.

Ministers struggling to control feuding within Tory ranks derived some comfort from the failure of France and Germany to bury their differences on how to run the euro. Any respite for the Government is likely to be temporary before this weekend's European Union summit in

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Jacques Chirac announced after their bilateral summit in Nuremburg that their finance officials would continue working towards a deal on the contentious ¿"stability pact" designed to buttress the euro with tight rules for economic nent — and fines for ent states. wide-ranging policy

e that will aggravate within the Tory both leaders also 12-page letter to the summit, calling for European integration proad sweep of home police operations, the

"things are calming down" behaviour after the currency within the Conservative is launched in 1999. ranks after Mr Major's authoritative restatement on Sunday of the cabiner's "wait committee, the Chancellor, and see" policy on the euro.

But Tory Euro-sceptics

But Tory Euro-sceptics last

turn to page 3, 6
flamboyant populist Teresa
Gorman, announced she will
keep the feud going by intro-

ducing a bill in January 10 hold a referendum on total British withdrawal from

The issues will be aired this week in a two-day Commons debate before Dublin. Whitehall officials last

night took a relaxed view of the Nuremburg communique as not being a "hugely impor-tant or seminal document". But they have been wrong before. British officials also see the Irish presidency draft for the parallel inter-governmental conference (IGC) negota-tions as "a snapshot for the family album" — with real decisions being taken at the Amsterdam summit next June when Tony Blair could be in power.

Sceptics in London believe tensions will mount in the months ahead as EU states struggle to qualify to join the euro currency club. And, in what was construed as a cal-culated snub directed at the German finance minister, Theo Waigel, and the power-ful German central banker, Hans Tietmeyer, Mr Chirac insisted the independence of the future European central bank had to be balanced by a political counterweight.

To German bankers that is a euphemism for laxity. And in parallel to the summit, Mr Waigel and his French counterpart, Jean Arthuis, failed to settle the fundamental difgration plus foreign and de-fence phicy-making.

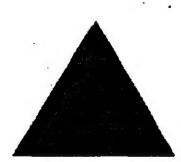
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Peace, love, flowers.

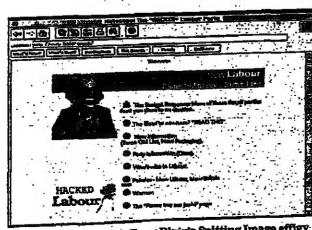


Beer.



Bass BEST SELLING PREMIUM

Hacker takes over Labour's cyberspace



OR a man who pro-fesses to be the cham-pion of the information revolution, Tony Blair could not have received a better lesson in the consequences of arming the nation's youth with access to cyberspace.

Lest night, the Labour Par-ty's Internet site was being stripped in a desperate at-tempt to fend off a determined

During the first raid, the hacker changed the title "Road to the Manifesto" to "Road to nowhere". He also raid, adding Mr Blair's Spittinkered with links to other Web sites so they read "The Labour Party sex shop", and transferred visitors to pages carrying pornography.

The site was restored

within 20 minutes. But as senior Labour officials met yesterday to discuss improvonslaught by an American hacker which started on Saturday. In the space of two attacks, the site was transformed from a slick assumption.

in the future of political com- | Labour again. "Watch the | At first, Labour was philomunications to the laughing stock of the World-wide Web to back it again," he said be fore ringing off.

Labour home page. I'm going sophical about its ordeal, with officials pointing out that accessibility was what

ting Image effigy to the home page under the banner: Hacked Labour: Same Politicians, Same Lies. Links sup-posed to detail Labour person-alities transferred visitors to

favour, the site temporarily became one of the most popular on the Web, at one point

made the Internet so appeal-ing. But the soft line changed after the second raid when a spokeswoman said police had been called in.

The running of the site is contracted out to two compa posed to detail Labour personalities transferred visitors to the site of Jim Henson's Muppet Show.

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were struggling to discover how the hacker had managed to overcome security measures on two separate

attacks, the site was transtracted the Guardian to warm collapsing under the weight formed from a slick exercise that he was about to hit of visitors. 'Hacked' Labour, with Tony Blair's Splitting Image effigy

Radio 16; TV 16

Sketch

Big Man Hezza sees off dweebs



Simon Hoggart

HK Government is crumbling, shearing off into the sea like a Yorkshire hotel. You might think that Tory backbenchers would want to be there on the clifftop, standing in awe as the residents' lounge disappears, the walls peel away from the bedrooms, and the kitchen range crashes onto the rocks beneath. And so they were yesterday.

or at least a few of them. Fully 14 Conservatives turned up Michael Heseltine. And he is one of the two men who are supposed to be running the Government behind the scenes, a sort of semi-detached Rasputin.

But almost no one seemed to the whips to stay at home and do their Christmas shopping. They need not be back for five weeks, and you can buy an awful lot of bath salts, Gary Larson annuals, Toy Story dolls and peek-a-boo lace bras in that time.

The almost empty Chamber was scattered with what the Americans call "dweebs", hard-working MPs who actually think that by arguing with Mr Heseltine they can improve the quality of their constituents' lives.

There was Nigel Spearing and David Winnick and Patrick Cormack and Jacques Arnoid and Olga Maitland and Alan Beith — dweebs every one. By contrast, Heseltine appears as the Big Man On Campus, captain of football, all haircut, expansive yards of expensive suiting, admiring acolytes clustered around

There should have been cheerleaders with perfect teeth and pompoms, shouting "Go. Hezza Go!", but instead there were only the dweebs behind im: Michael Neubert, Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Toby Jessel. You know that they don't need time for shopping; they're giving everyone Handkerchief Vouchers for Christmas Mr Heseltine had no trouble with the dweebs, so I cleared off to the Upper House, where

their Lorships were — as usual — discussing the really important issues of the day. I arrived just too late to catch Jeffrey Archer trying to persuade them to allow him to ask the Queen if she would allow a bill to let a woman inherit the throne, even if she (the unborn princess) has younger brothers.

This is not the most urgent legislation before Parliament — it might or might not be-come relevent when Prince William dies --- but it was certainly the most interesting. Naturally the petition was phrased in a way which make the greasiest MP in the Com-

mons sound like Tom Paine;
... that Her Majesty be graciously pleased to allow that
Her undoubted Prerogative and Interest may not stand in the way of the consideration by Parliament . . . of any measure providing for the removal of any distinction be-

tween the successors in deter-mining the succession to the throne . . Normally these things are nodded through and the Queen, thus grovelled at, allows the bill to be introduced in the certain knowledge that nothing will happen. However, someone muttered "Not content" (the peers' equiva-

tion milk is made from Contented Cows, so Lords' legislation is crafted by Contented Counts).

Lord Archer just managed to say "Content" before his Humble Address was perma-nently humbled, and the House voted. A kindly atten-dant briefed us tourists from the Commons: "Lord Archer has the wand and the clicker,

"You call that news?" we replied. (To be fair, the clicker is one of those counting de-vices and the wand is — well, a sort of white, wand-shaped stick with no discernible

The Lords voted 74 to 53 for the Address. A Labour peer said all the hereditary peers voted against, fearing that be fore you knew it their female progeny would be getting their titles. It must be awful to resent your own daughter *s*o

Review

The spirit of Africa survives formality

Robin Deneslow

Salif Keita and Others: Global Spirit, Womad Barbican, London

OURTEEN years on from the first Womad show, out in a field in Shepton Mallett, the world's bestknown purveyor of world music festivals has finally got round to putting on a series of concerts in London. It ought to be expert by now — after all, over a million people have attended its shows in 18 countries — but this still felt like an experiment. It worked just about, but only because of the quality of the music, not

the staging.

It is a tricky business trying to re-create the beady atmosphere of a great Womad out-door festival in a concert hall, and it was perhaps unwise to

have even tried. The Barbican foyer was lit-tered with stalls selling New Age clothing and trinkets from around the world, and

was the incongruous setting for a series of workshops and fringe performances.
Such informality vanished

within the main concert hall itself where the audience was seated — quite wrong for much of the dance music and no attempt had been made to dress up the stage. Artists performed in front of austere black drapes, and were sub-ject to some weird scheduling. Salif Kelta's performance was delayed by the unexpected arrival on stage of an okra player best suited to the hotel

The setting may have been curious, but the music was mostly tremendous and

mostly African - though one notable exception was the Tibetan singer Yungchen Lhamo, who escaped across the Himalayas from the Chinese occupation seven years ago, and whose unaccompanied laments for her homeland were even more powerful

As for the Africans, they were there to have a good time and show off their expertise in anything from the most tradi-tional to the most hi-tech

local instruments, and an

was once the best singer in Africa before he allowed his giorious soulful voice to be squandered on mediocre jazz

Now he is back on track, with the synthesizers in check and his backing bands dominated by his guitarist and two

backing singers. After warming up with his epic signature tune. Mandion Keita sat on the floor and said he would not go on until the audience got up and started dancing. Once they had done so, he launched into one of his best British shows in years, inviting the crowd to invade the stage during his anti-racism protest song, Nou Pas

The spirit of Womad had

Parents of children with asthma face 'exploitation'

Chris Mihili

PEOPLE with asthma and particularly parents of children with the illness are being exploited by the manufacturers of devices such as air filters and vacuum cleanthe National Asthma Cambers with emotive advertise—ments claiming these can paign, says medicinal claims reduce symptoms, the Conformal Asthma Cambers of bone fragments, chaeologists you see now, and she was not of the generation of the African beginning these can paign, says medicinal claims reduce symptoms, the Conformal Asthma Cambers of bone fragments, chaeologists you see now, and she was not of the generation of the African beginning these can paign, says medicinal claims reduce symptoms, the Conformal Asthma Cambers of the National Asthma Camber

live than on record.

Hukwe Zawose, a national hero back home in Tanzania where he runs a college dedi-cated to preserving the coun-try's musical traditions, is a good-natured entertainer who demonstrated extraordinary skill on a whole range of

local instruments, and an even more remarkable five-oc-tave vocal range. Salif Keita, the delayed headliner at Sunday's show,

survived, even at the Barbican.

Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge in But Louis Leakey had died, in 1972, before his widow caused a sensation by revealing that humankind's ancestor, Australopithecus Afar-enses, had walked fully upright on the ash which had dried three-and-a-half million

National Asthma Campaign warn today. The Consumers' Association has reported the claims made for five products to the Advertising Standards Authority. A report in the association's magazine Health Which?, compiled with dusty bones of archaeology.

chaeologist who
found footprints
which testify to the earliest
origins of man, died in the Kenyan capital Nairobi yester-Her discovery of the foot-prints in 1978, embedded in volcanic ash at Laetoli in Tanzania, revealed how homi-nids had stood up on the plains and walked upright more than 1 million years ear-lier than was believed.

ARY LEAKEY, the ar-

She had revolutionised her

own prior discovery. Mary

and her husband, the anthro-

pologist Louis Leakey, had together discovered the fos-sils of the 1.75 million-year-

old Homo habilis in a dig at

Mary Leakey's peers say that in identifying clear im-prints of two sets of feet, she

became the first person in history to put flesh on the

day, aged 83.

years ago.

Leakey: first to put flesh on ones of dusty archaeology

Hundreds of tractors in Larissa, central Greece (pictured above), were not budging yesterday, the twelfth day of road blockades by Greek farmers that have brought chaos to international and domestic transport. The government has rejected their demands for higher subsidies. British drivers are among hundreds trapped PROTOGRAPH: PARES SARIS

Mary Leakey, renowned

fossil hunter, dies at 83

gist Margaret Kiser Jones robi weekly newspaper The East African.

"The two sets are so close together as to lead most scientists to the haunting conclusion that the hominids may have been walking arm-in arm.

Her son Richard Leakey,

the Kenyan opposition politician and conservationist, said yesterday: "She was very much an archaeologist of the old school. She favoured incredibly detailed research and excavation of every site. She was not part of the digital site to another like butterflies.

"My sense is that no person has ever made a more signifi-cant contribution to the understanding of the pre-his-tory of man through work in east Africa."

Although Louis Leakey is often credited with the dis-covery of the most important bone artefacts associated with the evolution of man, experts and family friends insist that Mary played the more telling role in their joint archaeological quest into the origins of mankind.

"Mary was the centreplece of the research," said Richard Leakey.

"Louis was always a better publicist than scientist," said E. Barton Worthington, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the first scientist to explore Kenya's Lake Turkana in the 1920s. "Mary was

Mary Leakey returned to Laetoli last August with members of the California-based Getty Conservation Institute, which had contributed to a project to preserve the footprints, covering them with a synthetic protective layer. Despite being 83, Mary Lea-

key was a sprightly woman with a fondness for cigars Members of the Getty party recall that back in Lactoli she enjoyed the opportunity to be sleeping out again in the open air of the African bush.

Metropolitan Police plans hotline to encourage informants to report dishonesty among colleagues

Yard targets corrupt officers

Duncan Campbell

NDERCOVER police are to be used to catch their corrupt colleagues, Scotland Yard announced sterday. Officers who try to

Scotland Yard will also become the first British police force to introduce a confidential hotline — called the Right Line — for officers and civillan staff to inform on colleagues. The Metropolitan branch of

the Police Federation ex-pressed reservations at the moves, coming at a time when economies are being made in the service. Deputy Commissioner

Brian Hayes and the director of the complaints investigation branch, Commander Ian Quinn, said the line was Quinn, said the line was largest corruption inquiry and one awaits trial. being launched so members in the Met since the Police In 1978, Operation Coun-

of the force can voice concerns about colleagues. They said they believed the Metropolitan Police had never been cleaner but added that in any large organisation there was always the possibility of cor-ruption. There had been one

of the South East regional crime squad, was jailed for 11 years at the Old Bailey for offering to sell informa-

☐ Between 1991 and 1993

Operation Jackpot, the

or two "worrying signals".

Mr Hayes said: "What we're saying is don't turn a blind eye. The Right Line has been set up for any member of staff

their concerns or suspicions. Where we have reason to be concerned, we will act on this

who is worried about the in-

☐ On June 28, Detective | Complaints Authority was Constable John Donald, 37, | founded, examined com-

guards to deal with malicious officers had nothing to fear. Minor complaints would be dealt with more speedily at local level.

The new strategy could include proactive investigations including surveillance tegrity of colleagues to voice of suspect officers and tele-

ington police station in

north east London. Forty-six officers were investi-

gated. One officer from the

station was jailed, two others tried and acquitted

20 years of corruption, crackdowns and obstruction at the Met

phone interception, said Mr times for cash, he said. If such the chance of a successful prosecution, said Mr Hayes. Officers may also be deals were uncovered, both deployed in undercover roles parties would be open to impersonating criminals if a case merits it, he said. Both the Crown Prosecution Service and the Police Com-plaints Authority have been consulted about such tactics. "But we are not going to spray temptation in front of

cerned that officers leaked in-

the end of the £4 million in-

quiry in 1982, 41 officers were reported to the Direc-tor of Public Prosecutions

of whom four were prose cuted. The outside force in-vestigating claimed it had

free could be in breach of police regulations, he said.

Mr Hayes, who has studied the anti-corruption methods

very officer in the Met." The police were also con-

action. Even an officer giving unauthorised information

tryman was launched to | In July 1977, Command-look at allegations of cor-er Kenneth Drury of the ruption within the Met. At | Flying Squad was jailed for

of the New York police, also urged the media to contact the police when they were in-vestigating corruption. Often if a story was published alleg-ing corruption, it minimised

er Kenneth Drury of the Flying Squad was jailed for seven years for corruption.

In 1976, 74 officers were investigated. 12 resigned, 28 retired, eight were dimissed and 13 jailed after a clean-up. They had taken

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protection money from

root out corruption, warns in this week's issue of its maga-zine, Police, of the "dangers of

injustice".
"It is a scandal if a corrup officer goes unpunished," says the editorial. "It is equally an outrage when an officer is maliciously accused."

Mike Bennett, the chair-man of Metropolitan branch of the federation, said that while he would not object to any means of uncovering corruption, he found it puzzling the initiative was being launched at a time when the Met's reputation for integrity

was at its highest. Officers will be given a card with the number of the Right Line on it. It also contains the Edmund Burke quotation: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good.

Radio 1 boss sleighs Christmas favourites

Andrew Culf on

a pop station's change of seasonal tune to woo

younger listeners O THEY Know It's |

Christmas? Not at Radio 1, it would appear, where party hats, Christmas crackers and mince pies are this year destined to be in short supply. Seasonal classics, including Slade's Merry Christmas Everybody and John Lennon's Happy Christmas (War is Over) have been banned from the allwaves by Trevor Dann Redio L'e playlic phiof

Dann, Radio 1's playlist chief. Programme makers have been sent an abrupt memo by Tracey Lloyd, assistant head of Radio 1's production department, saying: "There will not be a sleigh list." A Radio 1 spokeswoman

said: "We are not going to be playing Jingle Beils repeatedly, but we are not being Scrooges." She said the classic Christmas singles did not conform to Radio 1's new music policy of encouraging younger listeners and promoting new bands. "You would not expect to hear them on Radio 1 and you

can rest assured you won't hear them." Radio 1's festive schedules are already begin-ning to resemble a threadbare Christmas tree. The seasonal highlight — a three-hour special presented by Noel Gal-lagher, of Oasis, and Goldie, "the Godfather of Jungie", has been cancelled because of recording commitments.

Chris Evans, who has helped woo millions back to Radio 1, is to take a fortnight's rest from his break-fast show. Traditionalist

Church leaders have de-



The missing hits

Frozen out . . . Old timers Cliff Richard and Wizzard

Hits you won't hear . . . ☐ Santa Claus Is Coming To Town, Bruce Springsteen ☐ I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day, Wizzard ☐ Happy Christmas (War Is Over), John Lennon and

☐ Fairytale of New York,

The Pogues with Kirsty

Yoko Ono

☐ Merry Christmas, Everybody, Slade ☐ Misletoe and Wine, Cliff Richard

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☐ Do They Know it's Christmas?, Band Aid □ Mary's Boy Child, Boney M

. . . and those you don't

🗅 Last Christmas, Wham ☐ White Christmas. Bing Crosby

nounced the station's Christ- | Christmas releases got their mas Day documentary, Jesus

— Cool or Cheesy?, as blasphemous. The spokeswoman said some of this year's Christmas singles could be on Radio 1's 60-strong weekly playlist, but there would be no special "sleigh list" as in listeners expect to bear previous years. Classic Christmas hits would be played on a one-off basis from

December 13. The Dunblane tribute. Knockin' On Heaven's Door, was yesterday put on Radio 1's B-list, guaranteeing 15 plays a week. should not be such a F Over at Radio 2 this year's the Snowman," he said.

first plays at the beginning of the month and the station's list has hundreds of traditional seasonal tunes. A spokeswoman said: "Our

Christmas music at this time of year. It helps get them in a festive mood." Mark Story, programme director at Virgin Radio, said its sleigh list would start next week, featuring festive num-bers from Slade, John Lennon, Wizzard and Bruce Springsteen. "Trevor Dann should not be such a Frostie

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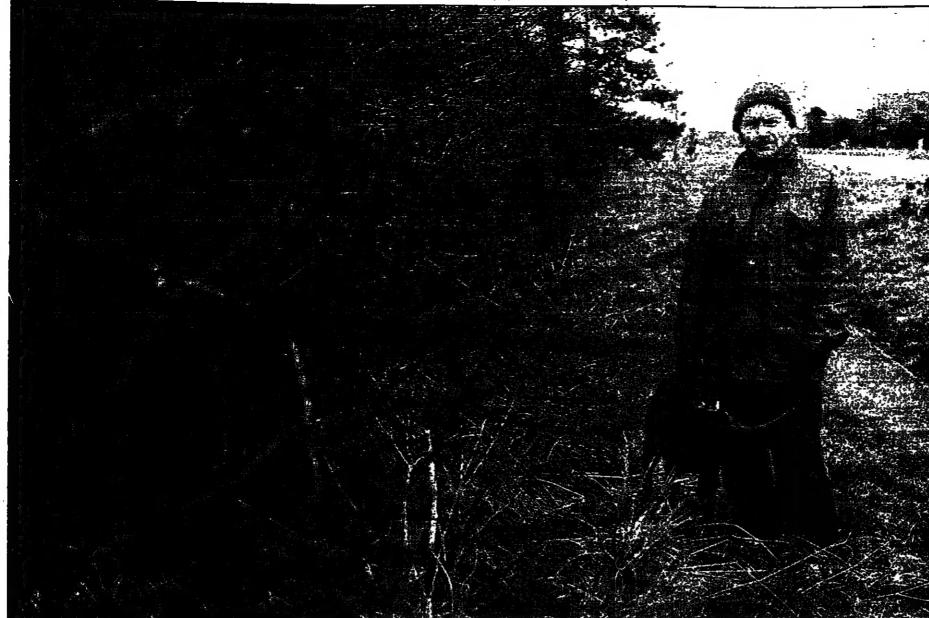
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80-win amateur frightens lawyers

New victory for ex-teacher could change the landscape writes Martin Wainwright

RITAIN'S nimblest amateur lawyer is hoping to win the second Battle of Flamborough Head today, with consequences which could leave the Gov-ernment even more embarrassed than its predecessors 200 years ago.

One man environmental-

law machine Colin Seymour, aged 63, who has triumphed in 80 landscape protection trigger a change in the whole country's hedgerow protection system on the basis of a 1765 Yorkshire enclosure act. The precisely-worded mea-

sure, requiring parish council upkeep of a Flamborough hawthorn hedge "forever" to protect local flora and birds, was passed 10 years before the father of the US Navy, Commodore Paul Jones,

trounced a larger British flo-tilla below Flamborough's

mestone cliffs. "This case could see a similar come-uppance for the es-tablishment," said Pete Bowler of the Yorkshire Wild-life Trust. "The Issue is vital, because in spite of Govern-ment promises to introduce legal protection, bundreds of miles of hedgerow are being lost every year."

Mr Seymour, a former teacher who is now considered the national expert on clent order meant its aspects of enclosure law and preserve the stunte the highways act, has a fearsome reputation among proessional lawyers who face his theoretically amateur presentations in court.

Rull county court before pro-ceeding with national protecto open-cast mining near his

of hedge. The Flamborough battle in-

volves 56 yards of ancient hawthorn which the clifftop village's parish council wants to uproot to complete a bowling green. Mr Seymour, who lives in the village and has been unemployed for 10 years, was contacted by neighbours who felt that both hedge and bowling could exist side by-side. His discovery of the local

tentially, by thousands of similar documents imposed by 18th century courts as land-lords and farmers divided up common land. He warned the parish council that the an-cient order meant its duty to was fundamental and without limit of time.

He is reserving comment on the issue until after the hear-ing, but recalled how his The Department of the Environment is awaiting the result of today's hearing at National Coal Board. Deter-

the NCB launched a doomed £30 million compensation

"I was on social security at the time," said Mr Seymour, who left school at 15 but subsequently gained degrees from Leeds and the Open uni-versities. "I studied old documents, got interested in the law and realised that the courts were much more effective than marches or slogans." The next 79 cases

proved the point.
Although outnumbering Mr Seymour, Flamborough par-ish council is beginning to feel more like David than Golagers are on its side. Parish clerk Gordon Scrowston said:
"We only wanted to build four bowling lines on severe men an old road and two destroyed bridges at a combined cost of 2900,000. an asset for the village, but it would mean taking up some hedge. Then Mr Seymour came along and issued a sum-mons against us. Unless he

Case history

against British Coal in Mor-ley magistrates' court, West Yorkshire, under the 1980 Highways Act, over tipping of colliery spoil. Maximum fines imposed and BC paid £100,000 to restore a road.

in West Yorkshire crown courts, based on Latin document of 1472, obliged Brit-ish Waterways, British Coal, the former West Yorkshire Metropolitan county council and its successor Leeds city council to restore

council to take action which had been illegally blocked by gates, wire and armed gamekeepers.

1987: Compelled Leeds city against Mercantile and General Reinsurance to reopen rights of way on Parl-ington Lane and Fly Line

the pioneer of jet engines who died in the United States in

August. Sir Frank had been a

1994/96: Forced Humberside county council to repair ancient bridleway

from York to Danes' Dyke near Flamborough under Section 56 of 1980 Highway Act. Council warned before hearing that bill would be £500,000 but after judgmen put cost at £1,000-2,000.

"The second figure is nearer to what they paid," 1995: served Section 56 notice on Humberside county council regarding Sands Lane, Bempton, scene

of a 15-year dispute and public inquiry over compulsor; purchase order alleging unknown ownership. Mr Seymour traced owners via 1843 enclosure document, 1845 railway plans and tithe may 1910 finance act records (in Public Records Office) and House of Lords debates. His research took five days; the council had spent "thorsands of pounds".

Disillusioned homeowners back council house revival

Charlotte Denny and Sarah Ryle

HE Conservatives have left their core Middle England constituency of home dren to private schools feeling disillusioned and insecure, research published today

owners, many of whom cashed in on the Tories' rightto-buy scheme for council ten-ants, are now so scarred by the collapse of the housing market they want the Government to invest more in the safety net of social housing, Economic and Social

One first-time buyer in the survey of 800 householders said that those who had suf-fered most in the housing market were those who could least afford it. "You can't give people the dream of their own home and then walk away when it all goes wrong."

Over half those surveyed thought that owning a home was a hurden and meet said.

was a burden, and most said that they regarded their house as a home rather than an investment. Recent buyers did not expect to make a profit, while those who had made money during the boom period argued that the profit existed only on paper: any gains had gone into buying their next home.

The report also shows sup-port for more funds for state education from parents who send their children to fee paying schools.

Forty-six per cent would make more government spending on education a top priority, compared to just 31 per cent in the state sector. The findings are part of a research programme carried out by the ESRC on attitudes towards the welfare state.

Researchers from Social and Community Planning Research and the Institute for Fiscal Studies said there was — and would advise others do widespread support for in-

Council housing The Government should expand council housing. 15.

Tend to agree Tend to disagree

creased government spending in education — even if it means higher taxes.

Although the property own ing democracy shows little sign of extinction, strong sup-Moira Munro of Herriot Watt University who led the

research on home-owners. She said that owners felt let down by the Government. Most felt they had been en-couraged to buy their own house during the 1980s but that the Government had failed to live up to its side of the bargain by providing se-

Most people are now expect-ing interest rates to rise and cut further, making home loans more expensive, Changes in income support rules and the lowering of tax relief on mortgages had also made owning a house less attractive.

Two-fifths of those surveyed thought that buying a house had become more risky in the past three years. First time buyers were less pessi-mistic than other owners, but even among this group a siz-able minority thought the market was more risky now than in 1991. Despite this, most people remain commit-ted to owning their own home

EU leaders fuel **Major's woes**

line and said it was quite likely the first wave of poten-tial euro-members would be

He repeatedly insisted that the deadline was the least important part of the project and cast doubt on its feasibility for many of the EU states, the "fudge" scenario which sceptic ministers believe will allow Mr Clarke to join them in denouncing the whole pro-

EU finance ministers are to meet in Dublin on Thursday. the eve of the EU summit, in an attempt to cobble together Mr Kohl said both

countries hoped to table a joint Franco-German pro-posal on the stability pact.
But the war of words on the fringes of yesterday's Nurem-burg summit highlighted the worsening friction between the two key European powers, despite the attempt to put on a show of unity and common purpose.

minister, Alain Juppe, came close to describing Bundesbank-style control of mone-tary policy as undemocratic, the Bavarian prime minister, Edmund Stoiber, urged Germany to walk away from the single currency unless the rest of Europe agreed to Bonn's insistence on a rigorous stability pact entailing "quasi-automatic" fines for fiscal reprobates.

Germany is isolated on this point, but reluctant to back

In a newspaper interview Mr Stoiber used scare tactics. warning that ordinary Ger-mans' savings would be devalued if Bonn caved in to the demands in France and else single currency regime. Mr Juppé, by contrast, de-

scribed the German campaign as favouring "a technocratic, automatic system under the sole authority of the Euro-pean central bank. That is not our concept of democracy.'

'Whispering' Sir John appointed to Order of Merit

5. 4

IR JOHN Gielgud. widely regarded as Brit-ain's most distinguished actor, was yesterday appointed to the Order of Merit by the Queen.

The appointment is one of the highest honours in the gift of Buckingham Palace. There are only 24 members at any one time plus a handful of foreign honorary appointees, including Mother Teresa and, formerly. General Dwight Ficanhower, the Allied commander in the second world service.

Sir John joins Dame Joan Sutherland, Baroness Thatcher and Isaiah Berlin, the political philosopher, who

are also members of the Among the famous past members were Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Edward Elgar, the composer, and Florence Nightingale.

Sir John, from his home Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Sir John, whose famous

whispering voice was once described by Sir Alec Guinness as "a silver trumpet muffled in silk", gave up the stage in 1988 but says he is still keen on small roles in ilms and television, despite

His most recent effort, as a piano teacher in the Austra-lian film Shine, has just been released in Sydney and is due in Britain next year.

A spokeswoman for his pointed to the Order after the agent's office in London said death of Sir Frank Whittle, that he was not at present the pioneer of jet engines who considering any other roles.
"I get very tired," the actor
said recently. "I have to
ration myself and only work
certain hours."

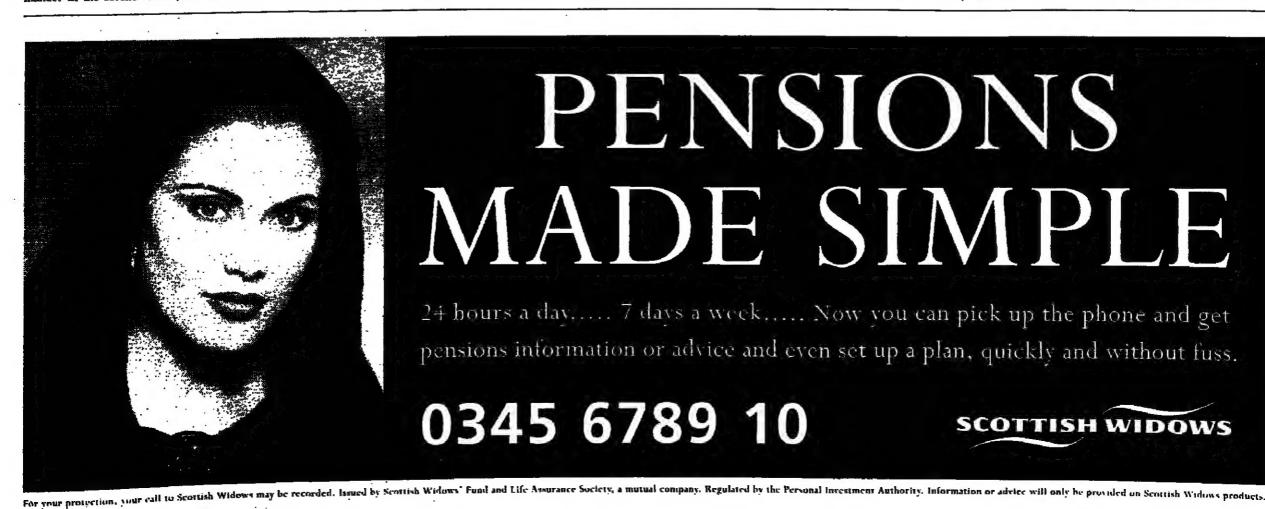
ing death, "people see it as an indecent race between me, the Pope and Boris Yeltsin", and that he did not take long roles for fear of keeling over in the middle of filming.

The Order of Merit was founded in 1902 by Edward He said that when consider-VII and is given to those who have, in the words of Buckingham Palace, "rendered exceptionally meritorious service towards the advance-ment of the arts, learning, lit-

erature and science". Sir John, who was awarded a knighthood in 1953 and has a theatre named after him in last night: "It's brilliant news Shaftesbury Avenue, was ap- and well deserved."



Sir John Gielgud



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'Harmless' loner who admired mass killers

Vivek Chaudhary on the life of a man who set upon children with machete

ORRETT Campbell | bours as a loner. He often was known by his | walked the streets of Hlakennickname of Aiysha in the inner city neighbourhood of Wolver hampton where he had lived But few who saw him walk-

ing the streets of Blakenhall or who lived in the same tower block needed to use the nickname he gave himself. Del, aged 31, who went to the same school, said: "He was always on his own and was always on his own and hardly ever said anything. Sometimes I'd just nod and say hello and he'd say hello back, but that was about as far as our conversations got." Campbell, who was con-victed of attempted murder at Stafford crown court yester-

women at St Luke's school in

hall, muttering to himself. He liked tinkering with his orange-painted Volvo, having the odd drink alone in local pubs and smoking marijuana.
According to neighbours,
he would sometimes lend out

his car in exchange for marijuana or money for petrol.

They did not see him as someone who wanted to join the ranks of mass killers like Thomas Hamilton in Dun-blane and Martin Bryant, who ran amok in Tasmania. Marcia Ballantine, aged 26, a former neighbour of Camp-bell, said: "He's a bit slow, but he was quite popular because he always said hello and al-ways spent his time messing day after the machete attack on three children and four talk very much unless you



Lisa Potts, one of Horrett Campbell's victims, in hospital after the attack. The judge praised her bravery in shielding children

brought up in Blakenhall, comes from a devout Chris-tian family. His father, Isaac, regularly attended St Luke's Church in Blakenhall until illness made him house-

Campbell left Colton Hills comprehensive school at 16, without qualifications. Former classmates say he was quiet in class, took little inter-

engineering firm and then as a painter and decorator for six years. He has been unem-ployed since 1969, and lack of money and job prospects made him increasingly

est in his studies and social-ised with younger pupils.

After leaving school he worked as a welder with an in Jamaica. He could not afford to attend the funeral. He moved from the family home to the sixth floor of Villiers House tower block and took to walking the streets and talk-ing to himself. His sister, Cheryl, also left

Wolverhampton area. Friends say the whole family found it hard to come to terms with the mother's death. Darren, who said he bad

known the Campbell family for 20 years, said: 'T think Horrett felt it more than the others. He went even further into his own world."

Issac, aged 84, is still in the | Campbell "started losing his Wolverhampton area. Friends | senses a bit" when his mother died. "He would mumble to himself and began stuttering the two mass killers, whom when he spoke.

like this. He would walk around with a glazed look in his eyes, and I must admit he

Campbell sought solace in horror and science fiction films — and in the actions of he came to admire and empawhen he spoke.

"He was harmless though.
Something must have built up as an "oddball" like him. treated as an outsider. Asked at the trial why he launched the machete attack, Campbell replied: "I felt sort of angry."

Food poisoning outbreak Too-fast music could cost claims its 10th victim

started a conversation."

Eriend Clouston

COTLAND'S food poi-Soning epidemic recorded its tenth victim yesterday as the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, again questioned the behav-iour of the butcher linked to

the outbreak. The death of an 87-year-old Bonnybridge woman was revealed by Mr Forsyth as he addressed the Scottish Grand

Committee in Hamilton. In his statement to Scottish MPs. Mr Forsyth rejected opposition demands for a public inquiry, pointing out that a fatality from the Forth Valley health board area — had died ready been commissioned. late on Sunday after a weekend transfer to Glasgow's Scotland has 390 patients | Barr had allowed a customer

worried about 25 of the 42

adults and seven children who remain in hospital. In separate incidents in the Borders region, one person was confirmed yesterday as having died as a result of E. coli, with another three ill. Doctors have still to establish whether another Borders per-son who died last week was in fact infected with £ coli No connection with the Lanark-shire cases has been found.

Presenting a timetable of events, Mr Forsyth confirmed that Wishaw butcher John showing symptoms of E. coli to buy cold meat after earlier

confirmed cases. Doctors are | health board officials' requests that he withdraw it

The circumstances in which this meat was supplied are being investigated by police, and I do not propose to risk compromising that pro-cess by commenting further."

Mr Forsyth also revealed it took until December 6 — a formight after the outbreak was notified — for health in-spectors to track down all Mr Barr's customers. The shadow Scottish secre-

tary, George Robertson, accused Mr Forsyth of "undignifed and improper" behaviour in letting the council and health board take the blame for the controversial decision to delay issuing a list of suspect outlets. Mr Forsyth repeated his claim that the deinfection. of whom 209 are agreeing to council and cision had been taken locally. free and easily accessible

nightclubs their licences

IGHTCLUBS face losing their licences if disc jockeys play music that is too fast, under safety guidelines backed by the Home Office.

They have a duty to play slow songs if dancers are getting "over-excited or exhausted", says the document, launched today, but they should change tempo gradually.

The code of practice, which will become part of the Home Office's model licence condi-tions for clubs, comes in response to recent ecstasyrelated fatalities. Between 50 and 100 people are believed to have died after taking the drug, mostly by overheating or liver or heart failure.

Other rules set out in the guidelines, drawn up by the London Drug Policy Forum, ☐ Drugs awareness messages should be incorporated into flyers advertising dance. Information should also be sent through the club's mailing

☐ Clubs should have "chill-out areas" where dancers can cool down

All staff should be trained in recognising drugs-related problems

Bouncers should be

Peter Rigby, LDPF chair-man, said: "The overriding purpose of the code is to stop people dying. We know that young people will take drugs. It is vital that we do all in our

mower to keep them safe."

Many measures to stop overcrowding and overheating have already been adopted by clubs, but the guidelines are the first to put conditions on the type of music and style of DJ-ing. It may compromise many clubs, especially those | died of a heart attack in the | ing untoward about that, | and up the nose with proba-© Drinking water must be whose appeal is in playing fast ambulance taking him to no suggestion he was a pae-free and easily accessible music non-stop. hospital. no suggestion he was a pae-dophile," said Mr Jones. The trial continues.

'Dreadful' injuries inflicted on murdered pensioner

Geoffrey Gibbs

PENSIONER who be friended children died from "dreadful injuries" after a screwdriver was forced through his nose into his brain, Truro crown court heard yesterday.

Three teenage boys deny murdering Douglas Hol-man, aged 72, who was stated to have been attacked in his home in Camborne, Cornwall, last

Mr Holman, a former male nurse who shared the house with his reclusive niece, was found in his armchair, covered in blood and unable to move. He

The accused boys, who were aged 16 and 14 at the time of Mr Holman's death. cannot be named for legal

The prosecution has

rejected the eldest boy's plea of guilty to man-slaughter on grounds of di-minished responsibility. Stuart Jones, prosecuting, told the jury that the two younger boys knew "perfectly well" what was going to happen when they went to Mr Holman's

The court heard Mr Holman described as a "harm-less and amiable creature". who was fond of young children and enjoyed their

"Hard pressed mothers used him as an unofficial baby sitting arrangement and used to send their chitdren to him when they wanted to work."

On the day of Mr Hol-man's death, a Saturday, his niece had been watch-ing television in an adjacent room with her mother, brother and sister. They had heard noises of visitors entering the house but had not taken any notice because there were always so

many young people visiting. "We say that it was dur-ing that visit that Mr Holman suffered the dreadful injuries from which he died later that day. He was stabbed through the eye

As party turmoil worsens one Tory appears happier than ever

These days the Redwood grin just gets wider

Ewen MacAskill on how the scorecard reads in the Conservatives' Euro wars

OHN Redwood, once the most serious-looking member of the Cabinet, uneasy with the concept of a joke, has developed over the dovernment's European policy and that he has joke, has developed over the dovernment's European policy and that he has joke, has developed over the last week a huge smile, wandering round the Westminster lobbies, stopping to chat to groups of would-be supporters among the party's

Those close to Mr Redwood say that he has been happy since the day be left Cabinet 18 months ago to challenge John Major for the party leadership. But the smile has definitely become wider, his whole composure one of a man at ease with himself, enjoying himself (not least over favourite for the post-election leadership contest, assuming (as just about everyone at Westminster does) that Labour wins.

yesterday: "When the day of reckoning comes, Michael Howard, Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley will be remembered as the Vichy Tories.
They are the Petainists who did nothing during a decisive week."

Just as Michael Heseltine

did the rubber chicken supir Major's discomfort).

Mr Redwood's friends betion for his challenge against



John Redwood looks every inch the happy man.

Margaret
Thatcher. Mr Redwood has been speaking at four to five constituency associations a Underground. But he will week. Last night, he addressed the 92 Group, the loose rightwing group of MPs, which includes Sir George Gardiner, who at the weekend tive MPs are Eurosceptical threatened to resign the party | ranging from those who want

return to Europe in the twoday Commons debate which begins tomorrow. About half the Conserva-

most extreme are the nine who had the whip withdrawn last year, including Teresa Gorman, Tony Marlow and Sir Teddy Taylor. A fellow Eurosceptic described them yesterday as "uncontrollables". the

This point was reinforced by Mrs Gorman yesterday when she ignored Mr Major's warning that in-fighting could cause an early election and announced she will put forward a referendum bill, which will go nowhere but provides an opportunity for Tory Eurosceptics to provide a show of strength early in

The Eurosceptics are not easily classifiable. Bill Cash, for instance, keeps his dis-tance from the "uncontrollables", while Michael Spicer, though sceptical, is different again, trying to work with the

There are heavyweights such as David Heathcoat-Amory, who resigned from the Government over Europe earlier this year, and the former chancellor, Norman Lamont, another sceptic, who came close in a party conference speech to advocating complete withdrawal complete withdrawel

through to those who want to referendum bill. Tory dissimake it a looser market. The dents also have a platform in this week's European Com-mons debate and in a fishing vote next week, when they will join with the Opposition to defeat the Government.

Despite the optimism of Mr Redwood's supporters about his leadership chances, some of the most prominent Euros-ceptics that he might include in his fold are still intent privately on backing one of the other potential candidates. such as Mr Howard.

Mr Redwood made a huge tactical error 18 months ago when he launched his leadership campaign by being iden-tified with the "uncontrolla-bles". He has since distanced himself.

One of his supporters in-sisted yesterday that he had succeeded in moving himself next few days to show the rest of the parliamentary party and the media that the Con-servative Party is united on the issue of Europe and it is for the Prime Minister to come round to backing the party on this."

That sounds ominous for Mr Major and his hopes of an

end to what he called the "savage disputes" that could

Altynai Asylmuratova, who will dance the principal role English dancers 'not well trained'

Dan Gialster Arts Correspondent

HE artistic director of the English National Bal-let attacked British dance training yesterday at the launch of the company's new production of Swan Lake, due to be staged at the Royal Albert Hall, London, in

May.
"I can't find 60 dancers in London for Swan Lake," said Derek Deane. "I wish I could. There is a great lack of good training in this country. We're not producing good English dancers yet there are hundreds of dance schools."
Mr Deane, also artistic director of the English National
Ballet school, said much of

the school's work was devoted to repairing damage already done to young dancers.
"We don't train in our

school, we mend dancers," he said. "It is very difficult to change had habits and bad training. It's a sed situation but training is not good from the top schools to the

Mr Deene's comments will be addressed today when the Council for Dance Education and Training (CDET) releases a list of accredited dance schools, an attempt to stan-dardise dance training. The previous list included

22 accredited schools. It is understood today's list will be

within the dance world.

The problem of dance training is linked to funding for dance courses. The new list will be produced in tandem with the Arts Council's Initiative on funding for dance and drama training, which aims to use National Lottery money to fund students. But Patrick Deuchar, chief

executive of the Royal Albert

Hall, criticised the idea. "The lottery initiative is just dab-bling. What is needed is a wholehearted overhaul of

funding and training."
For Swan Lake, six of the principals will be foreign dancers, including Altynai Asyl-

muratova, the prima balle-rina of the Kirov Ballet. Mr Deane's remarks come in the wake of a report released last month criticis-ing dancers' fitness and training dancers' fitness and training. The report, Fit To Dance?, by the Gulbenkian Foundation, noted that 83 per cent of dancers suffered injury in any 12-month period. The injuries were due to overwork, excessive demands of choreographers, punishing rehearsals, poor teaching, cold theatres and unsprung

The £1 million production of Swan Lake will feature more than 120 dancers and will be performed in the round with no sets. "I want to theatricalise the production." said Mr Deane."It will feature acrobats, fire-eaters and jugsmaller. The CDET's work glers. I'm looking at it as a has caused controversy ballet on film."

Why some Tories believe they can fudge differences

Some Tory Eurosceptic MPs | single currency club have to and ministers believe they can | meet to qualify. They were fudge their differences over the | agreed as part of the Maassingle currency by agreeing that Britain's EU partners have failed to meet the Maastricht criteria they set themseines in 1991.

Q: Those Maastricht criteria, run them past me again, will you, squire. We don't get much call for them in conversation down at the Dog and Partridge. A: You will as 1999 ap-proaches if the French and In other words Germany

tricht Treaty deal in Decem-ber 1991 and were originally intended to launch the single currency in 1997, not 1999, if a majority of member states were ready. But they weren't. Q: So far so boring. Why bother?

A: The idea is that the EU's economies must have con-Germans stay serious about doesn't want to trade the mighty mark for a dodgy drachma or a Latino lira, let alone bail out Italy's debt. prospective members of the Q: Very wise of those Ger-

Michael White on how even Kenneth Clarke mans, I'm sure. But how does it affect me or my little brother. Maurice's, car showroom?

A: Well, by most tests the Europe's biggest success

Live Summars, I'm sure. But how does it affect me or my little brother. Maurice's new car sales picked up...

A: He does have an opt-out, but if the euro becomes but if the euro becomes Europe's biggest success of GDP.

A: Well, by most tests the Europe's biggest success of GDP.

Maastricht criteria are con-sidered rather deflationary. Each member state's inflation rate must be no higher than 1.5 per cent above the average of the three lowest in the EU. Interest rates must be no higher than 2 per cent above the three lowest. As for exchange rates, applicants' rates must stay within agreed exchange rate mechanism (ERM) bands, and be an ERM member without realignment or devaluation of the currency for two years. Q: Blimey, that sounds

nasty. I thought John Major had an opt-out from all this. And didn't Britain

fall out of the ERM back in 1992, about the time Mau-

since Charlemagne, we might have to sign on, whatever the sceptics say, in case the cur-

rency speculator turns nasty on sterling. As for the ERM, John Major says it collapsed in 1993, so no problem there. Others disagree. Q: What about unemployment figures? Aren't they proper criteria? A: No one talks about Eurounemployment except the Swedes and Robin Cook, It's

too high even to mention. Q: So where's the fiddle A: Hang on, I haven't fin-ished Applicants' budget deficits (PSBR) have to be no

Q: You mean taxes would

have to go up, squire, or public spending down to get the figures right? A: That's it Major, Lamont and Our Ken have almost doubled the debt, but should scrape home on that test. But they've been running a PSBR

doing? A: Glad you asked. They're squeezing their public sectors hard and engaged in creative accountancy to meet all five higher than 3 per cent of GDP, criteria. Greek and French that's about £18 billion on the lorry drivers have been block-

gap, Paris is using a windfall sale of France Telecom pen-sion debt. The Dutch are raiding their reserves. Don't even ask about Belgium . . . Q: Lots of fiddles. Maurice would understand . . . A: Exactly. Helmut Kohl might tolerate a little corner-

between 4 and 8 per cent since the recession, though it will be down to £19 billion next year, just inside 3 per cent. In theory.

Q. How are the other lot be a costly waste of time if the including the first per cent. In the costly waste of time if the surround is so contrived. whole project is so contrived that it rapidly falls apart. Q: So Whitehall cooks up a report, crocodile tears and all, regrettably denouncing the whole caper...

News in brief

City youth face

ABOUT one in 20 young people in Britain's cities will be homeless at some stage in a year, the YMCA said yesterday. The estimate included those sleeping rough, staying in hostels or living with friends as temporary "guests" but the figure rose to one in 10 when taking into account those in overcrowded or insecure accommodation.

Research by Staffordshire university, covering 15, 213 young

THE producer of a television programme alleging collusion between Royal Ulster Constabulary officers and loyalist terrorists yesterday received undisclosed libel damages from Express Newspapers which suggested his claim that he feared his life was

Geoffrey Bindman, solicitor for Sean McPhilemy of Box Productions, told the High Court that his client had sworn affidavits saying he had received threats to his life when preparing The Committee, broadcast on Channel 4 in October 1991. Mr McPhilemy is also suing the Sunday Times over comments made about the programme. — Richard Nation-Taylor

Student gets meningitis

AN unnamed 18-year-old student from Birmingham university has been taken ill with meningitis and admitted to Selly Oak hospital. A spokesman for the university said: "She has a meningococcal version of the disease, but we don't know which strain." The student was living in the university women's hall, a sixties building with 279 residents, who share kitchen and bathroom facilities in groups of eight to 12. The young woman's immediate neighbours and close friends have been issued with antibiotics. So far, this is an isolated case at Birmingham where none of the students has been vaccinated. The spokesman said there are no plans to do so. — Clare Longring

Junior doctor killed herself

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A JUNIOR doctor injected a fatal dose of insulin directly into her stomach because work and exam pressure became too much.

stomach because work and exam pressure became too much, West Yorkshire coroner's court heard yesterday. Pauline Watson, aged 27, whose father is also a doctor, was found in a coma on the morning she was due to fly to Dublin to sit her Part II anaesthetics exam and died three days later in St James's hospital, Leeds.

The Leeds hearing was told that Dr Watson, the senior house officer at Leeds general infirmary, was outwardly cheerful, but had doubts about her ability to qualify as an anaesthetist. Her father, William Watson, said he believed the competitive lifestyle and high stress levels had been "too much" for her. A suicide

Cancer surgeon struck off

A SURGEON who mistakenly removed the healthy part of a stomach and intestines of a 75-year-old cancer victim in what was supposed to have been a routine colon operation was found guilty of serious professional misconduct and had his name removed from the medical register yesterday.

Rosalind Foster, the barrister for the General Medical Council, and the professional conduct services that James Council, and the serious leading that James Council and the serious leading that James Council and the serious leading that James Council and the serious leading the

told its professional conduct committee that James Gough's superior at Bolton general hospital "could not believe he had committed such a fundamental error" on Robert Hodgin who died two

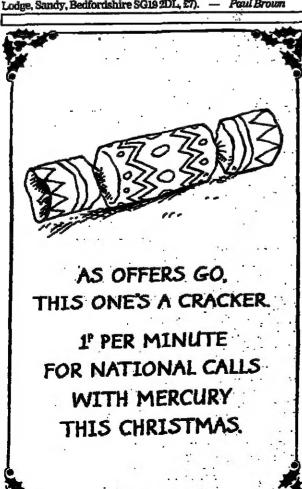
Miss Foster said the operation was performed by Mr. Gough two weeks after he started work at the hospital under the supervision of consultant John Hobbiss, who was astunished when he realised

expertise and was "a grave danger to patients".

Wetland sites drying put

result of over-abstraction of water for drinking or irrigation purposes, according to a group of environment organisations. Among them is the Falls of Clyde in South Lanarkshire, the home of otters, where the famous Corra Linn falls have been reduced to

The report, High and Dry, says poor management of water resources is a threat to the countryside and the Biodiversity Challenge Group says that unless tirgent action is taken the Government will be unable to meet its own targets of recovery of endangered species and babitats. (High and Dry, RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL, £7). — Paul Brown



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insecure accommodation.

Research by Staffordshire university, covering 15,813 young people in inner London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester, suggested 140,000 between 16 and 25 may be homeless in a year. Ethnic minorities accounted for a fifth of all the young people, but made up nearly half the London total. Two-fifths had slept rough at some point, a quarter had been in care and most had left home through household friction, eviction and violence.

James Meikle.

TV man wins RUC damages

in danger was untrue.

plans to do so. — Clare Longrigg

and high stress levels had been "too much" for her. A suicide verdict was recorded.

Court of Appeal asked to issue guidelines on scale of awards years to compensate for

COTLAND Yard launched an Appeal Court battle yesterday to end the stream of

The Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, and two other High Court judges, are being

asked to reduce the bills in

two test cases and to intro-duce guidelines so judges can

instruct juries about the scale

of damages they should

ing concern voiced by Sir Paul Condon, the Metropoli-

tan police commissioner, at

the rising scale of damages. In

1996 Scotland Yard paid out

Police misconduct

Kamai Ahmed

HE has suffered a pasting at the hands of the press and now a basting at the hands of the

British Turkey Federation.

The Duchess of York (right) rounded off the year

vesterday with a new tro-

phy to go on top of the front

room coal-effect gas fire recently revealed in the

Ruby Wax interview. The British Turkey Federation has awarded her the Tur-

key of the Year Award for

her unstinting ability to get herself on the front pages of all the newspapers.

The annual award, which

yet another low in the

duchess's year.
It started with the lurid

confessions of Madame

Vasso, the duchess's former psychic healer, continued

with the stories of her endless debts and the revela-tions of her former close

friend Alian Starkie, and

ended with her own auto-biographical confession

being a royal.
"She has been constantly

in the headlines for all the wrong reasons," said Slob-han Abernethy of the Brit-

ish Turkey Pederation.

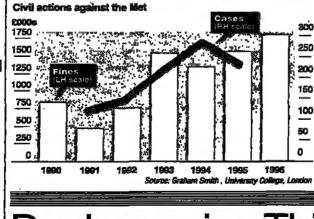
that she was never up to

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

big compensation payouts for wrongful arrest, false impris-coment and assault.

what Mr Gough had done. The committee chairman, Sir Herbert Duthie, said that Mr

MORE than 200 wetland sites and 100 rivers are drying out as a



£1.5 million compared with ages are made on a principled and reasonable basis. It is mated that £20 million has been paid out in the past 10 given clear instructions."

ury awarded her £1,500 compensation and exemplary lamages of £50,000.

Mr Pannick argued yester-day that those awards should be reduced to £10,000 on the

The QE2 undergoing a refit and repaint at Southampton, where specialists have been working on the vessel around the clock

police wrongdoing.
David Pannick, QC, counsel

for the Metropolitan police, yesterday asked the appeal court to reduce exemplary

damages of £200,000 and a fur-ther £20,000 damages for phys-

ical injuries paid to a London

hairdresser to £15,000. Ken-neth Hsu was wrongfully ar-rested, assaulted and unlaw-fully detained for one and a

In the second case the

police want total damages of £51,500 awarded to Claudette

Thompson, who was as-

saulted in a police station, reduced to £10,000.

ages awarded in both cases were disproportionate to the

circumstances. "It is the role

of this court to ensure that

the award of exemplary dam-

quarter hours.

☐ 1995: Paula Yates for showing off about her breast enlargements and having children with silly names. ☐ 1994: James Hewitt for not doing his duty by the

on its hands in Europe.

her former partner, Bob Geldof, was to name their Ms Abernethy said the has previously gone to award had been delivered to the duchess's private office in Battersea and had child Heavenly Hiraani. Also on the shortlist were Alicia Mackado, the Miss been received in good humour, a statement the Universe winner who was office confirmed.

Runners up were Thick-head, the alcopops drink threatened with losing her

> "services to Oasis's public ing to turn up for their World Cup qualifying match against Scotland. This week the duchess is relations machine". Only one person has appeared on the shortlist of 10 more than once. Paula Yates won the award last year and was shortlisted this year along with her boy friend, Michael Hut-chence. Their crime, apart

accused of appealing to the worst lager lout tendencies,

and Liam Gallagher for

Met police fight £220,000 damages

He argued guidelines drawn up by judges were essential to enable cases to be settled out of court and should follow the principles laid down by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, in the Elton John libel case that damages should be the mini-

damages should be the mini-

mum necessary for a jury to show that a civil wrong did

not pay.

He argued that in the Hsu

case the £20,000 compensatory

damages for his injuries were manifestly excessive for the hurt suffered when the Judi-

cial Studies Board issued guidelines which said £20,000 should cover minor brain damage or the loss of a kidney. Kenneth Hsu (above) and The second case centred on

Daniel Goswell . . . payonts being challenged by police Claudette Thompson, aged 30, who was arrested in Septem-

Hairdresser punched, kicked and left to make own way home

32, tops the list of nine cases involving exemplary damages totalling £1.3 million that the Metropolitan police are chal-lenging, writes Alan Travis. Kenneth Hsu's arms were twisted behind his back, he was put in a necklock, punched and kicked, and then thrown into the back of a police van where his head was prodded with a key. All this was in the course of

being arrested by three police officers who had been called to his home in Streatham, south London, over a dispute with a tenant. When he was | and facing assault charges. It released from the police took 11 months for his black station he had no shoes or eyes to heal and weeks for his money. The police refused to give him any cash and he had to beg 10p from a stranger to phone a friend to pick him up. He made an official complaint and when it was thrown out he sued for assault and wrongful arrest. When he won his case earlier this year he was awarded £200,000 exemplary damages and £20,000 damages for his

At yesterday's hearing. cepted Mr Hsu's version of and Baki Ates.

physical injuries.

HE name of London hair-dresser Kenneth Hsu, aged officers who maintained he had been arrested because he

had pushed one of them. Over the past three years the Metropolitan police have paid out more than £4.5 million in compensation and only nine officers involved in the more serious cases have ever been disciplined.

Amongst them is the case of

Trevor Gerald, a 36-year-old telephone engineer, who called for police action to tackle the cocaine dealers on his council estate only to find himself arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs, beaten eyes to heal and weeks for his broken foot to mend.

He also took out a civil action against Scotland Yard and when he won £125,000 damages for assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution he became the seventh person this year to be awarded more than £100,000. Other cases include the re-

cord award of £302,000 to Daniel Goswell, aged 29, after he was hit with a truncheon while handcuffed and £150,000 David Pannick, QC, for the in June to two Kurdish politi-police said the jury had accal refugees, Haci Bozkurt

breath test when she was on her way home from a night-club. She was taken to the police station where she refused to give a urine sample or take another breath test. Miss Thompson was waiting for the address she had given to be checked when the senior officer shouted: "Chuck her in the bin" and she was picked up by four officers carried into the cell and then jumped on. One officer pulled her hair. She screamed They left the cell laughing. When she was acquitted of assaulting a policeman she issued a summons for false prosecution and assault. A

grounds Miss Thompson suf-fered limited physical injury. **Duchess pips Thickhead** as the Turkey of the Year

Roasted

☐ 1993: Graham Taylor for leading the England football team to defeat after defeat. 1992: The ecu for leaving the Government with a mess

title after she put on weight, Pamela Anderson, for her turbulent relationship with the rock star Tommy Lee, and the Esto-nian football team for fail-

in America attempting to tle up an agreement with a television network for her own chat show in a deal said to be worth up to £3.5 from the messy battle with | million a year.



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THE United Nations yesterday authorised the start of the long-delayed oil-for-food deal which will allow fraq to make a limited return to the world oil market for the first time since its 1990

The secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, gave the go-ahead in a report to the Security Council. — Reuter, New York.

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Paranoia in heat of the cold war oil-for-food dealing **World news in brief** set to start today

The Soviet pilot who shot down a Korean airliner | tious, Mr Osipovich said he was prepared to shoot the in 1983 is convinced the plane was on a spying mission. Michael Gordon in Moscow reports

thick hands to show how, 13 years ago, he ma-noeuvred his SU-15 fighter to blast a Korean 747 airliner out of the sky.

It was the morning of September 1, 1983, and Lieutenant-Colonel Osipovich's unit had scrambled from its secret base on Sakhalin Island to investigate an in-truder. He intercepted the unidentified plane about 95 miles from Soviet airspace. After trailing it for more

than 60 miles, he zoomed alongside to take a look. "I was just next to him, on the same altitude, 150 to 200

metres away," he recalls. He recognised the aircraft as a civilian type of plane. "I saw two rows of windows and new that this was a Boeing.

nothing. It is easy to turn a civilian type of plane into one for military use."

Minutes later, he fired two

alr-to-air missiles, sending Korean Airlines Flight 007 crashing into the sea, killing 269 people and causing what President Boris Yeltsin has described as the greatest tragedy of the cold war.

Thirteen years on, debate still rages over whether the Soviet air force showed a reckless disregard for human life and why the Korean jet, en route from Anchorage to Seoul, was so far off course. Speaking at the weekend, Mr Osipovich insisted that the jetliner was on a spying mission and that there were

no civilians on board. For years, experts have de-bated whether the Soviet pilot

ENNADY Osipo | I knew this was a civilian | was aware he was downing a vich holds up his | plane. But for me this meant | civilian plane or had miscivilian plane or had mis-taken the 747 for an RC-135 United States military recon-naissance plane.

But Mr Oslpovich said he had no doubts that he was dealing with a civilian plane. Viewed through the prism of the cold war, he treated the plane not as a lost commernefarious mission against the Soviet homeland.

Mr Osipovich also revealed that, in the heat of the mo-ment, he did not provide a full description of the intruder to ground controllers. "They did not ask me." He did, however, tell them that the plane had blinking

lights, which he took as an indication that it could be a transport plane. Disputing reports that he

was prepared to shoot the plane down as soon as it crossed into Soviet airspace and still regrets that he was not allowed to do so. "I asked the ground what to do," he said. "They got scared and told me to force him to

land, and this was our big If the plane had crashed on Soviet territory, he said, the authorities would have recovered proof that it was on a

spying mission.

To try to force the plane down he fired his cannon three times, shooting off 520 rounds. But the shells did not contain tracers and were not visible at night. He said the Korean pilots still should have seen the gun flashing and also noticed when the SU-15 flashed its lights. That, he said, was a signal to follow to his base or risk destruction.
"I would have landed him on our airfield, and I wanted it very much," he said. "Do you think I wanted to kill

him? I would rather have shared a bottle with him."



radio contact, saying that there was no time and that the intruder would not have

invasion of Kuwait.

Under the deal, concluded in May but held up by disputes over implementation, Iraq will be able to sell \$2 billion worth of oll over six months to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian gods to help offset the effects of sanctions, starting today. intruder would soon have passed over Sakhalin Island into international airspace. Both the oil sales and the purchase of humanitarian supplies are subject to close UN monitoring. If all goes well, the Security Worried that it might get away, the Soviet pilot became concerned when it slowed down. He took this as an indication that the Korean jet had seen him and was trying to Medal for war crimes suspect THE Croatian president, Franjo Tudiman, awarded a medal at the weekend to a Bosnian Croat general indicted as a war crimes suspect and in custody awaiting trial in the Hague, a Bosnian

evade him.
He descended, pulled behind
the intruder and fired the two
missiles. Flight 007 was only
20 to 25 seconds from neutral

territory, he said. Now aged 52, with a thick shock of white hair, Mr Osipovich, like many former mil-itary men, relies on a small pension, about 690 a month. But with the government sirapped for cash, he cannot recall the last time he

respect. At a recent seminar in Moscow at the left-leaving newspaper Trud, he was toasted at a reception. Poor and vilified in most of the his fame. Downing a glass of vodks, he said: "I am a lucky guy." — New York Times.

92 was the only way most people outside Belgrade

could hear about what was happening," said Sasa Vu-cinic, managing director of

the Media Development

"The moment the radio sig-nal was cut, the Internet

took over. Mailboxes of

government officials in Europe, humanitarian agencies, journalists and

supporters were flooded within hours. It has become

the movement's lifeline." B-92 is now concluding a

Loan Fund.

received it. He is still treated with Western world, he is proud of

Mr Tudjman for their role in offensives to recapture Serb-held southern Croatia and large chunks of western Bosnia in summer 1985, said the spokesman. — AP. Zagreb.

Croat spokesman said yesterday.

General Tihomir Blaskic was indicted in connection with

alleged massacres of Muslims by Croats under his command in central Bosnia. His wife accepted the medal on his behalf at a

ceremony in Posusje in Croat-controlled south-western Bosnia.

Gen Blaskic was one of about 50 Bosnian Croats commended by

Council may renew the deal.

Belgian deputy PM cleared BELGIUM'S centre left coalition government appeared to have weathered a political storm last night after the socialist deputy prime minister, Elio di Rupo, was largely cleared of allegations

that he had sex with under age boys.

A report by investigators from the supreme court concluded

A report by investigators from the supreme court concluded that the allegations against Mr di Rupo, made by a discredited single witness, were without foundation.

But they also concluded that they had not had sufficient time to study further undisclosed allegations made last week. — Suphen Bates, Brussels.

Euthanasia law faces reverse

AUSTRALIA'S federal house of representatives yesterday passed AUSTRALIA'S receral nouse of representatives yesternay passed overwhelmingly a bill to override a Northern Territory law that permits doctor-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients.

The Northern Territory's legislature was last year the first in the world to enact a law that sanctions euthanasia.

The proposed bill must now be passed by the senate before it can become law. — AP, Canberra.

Russians block nuclear plan

RUSSIA'S fledgling environmental movement scored a significant victory yesterday when more than 80 per cent of voters in the impoverished northern Kostroma region rejected a plan to build a

nuclear power station. The referendum was the first of its kind in a country where major capital projects are imposed from above. It was the result of a 20-year battle waged against the local administration and the ministry of atomic energy by environmentalists and ordinary people. — David Hearst, Moscow.

Defectors arrive in Seoul

IN THE largest single defection from North Korea since the Korean war, a family of 17, including five children and a pregnant woman, reached the South yesterday.

An arduous 43-day journey had taken them through China and Hong Kong. They left the impoverished communist country be-

cause they were hungry, they said. - AP. Seoul.



Fishing boats linked by cables block ferries at Ajaccio, Corsica, yesterday on the seventh day of a blockade to demand a cut in taxes for fishermen. Traffic between the island and France is paralysed PHOTOGRAPH: PRANCOIS MATTER

EU to ruie on mutant maize

THE European Commission will decide next week whether to allow the import of genetically modified maize from the United States after EU environment ministers, meeting in Brussels,

Three scientific committees are due to report to the Commission by the end of the week about whether the maize — which has a marker gene resistant to the antiblotic ampicillin — poses a potential risk to human health.

It is thought likely that the Commission will allow the import of the maize, which will form about 0.05 per cent of the US crop this year, but restrict it to animal fodder. Member states are split on the issue, with only France saying it wants to grow genetically modified maize itself. — Sephen Bates, Brussels.

Swiss to study Nazi finances

SWITZERLAND'S parliament cleared the way yesterday for a federal decree to study financial dealings with Nazi Germany and the fate of Jewish wealth in Swiss banks during the Holocaust. Parliament's upper chamber paved the way to passage by withdrawing a controversial amendment giving individuals who feared being maligned in the study the right to ask the Swiss high court to block their names from being published.

The decree was expected to win final approval in one more vote by both chambers and come into effect by Friday. — Reuter, Berne.

Peace prize winners split

EAST TIMOR'S Roman Catholic Bishop Carlos Belo and resistance leader Jose Ramos Horta, co-winners of the 1996 Nobel peace prize, held separate news conferences at the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo yesterday in what Mr Ramos Horta hinted was a result of pressure by the Indonesian government on Bishop Belo, who will be awarded the prize at a ceremony today with the activist. — Reuter, Osio.

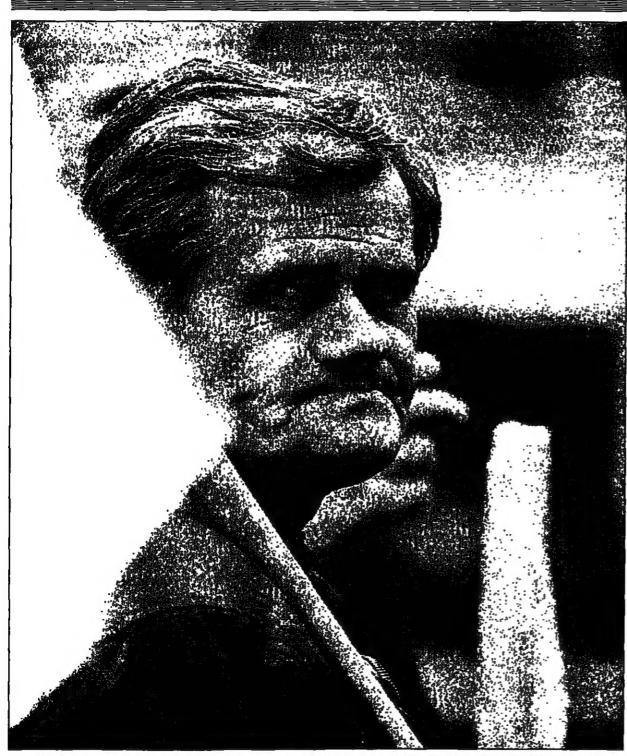
Taliban bans paper bags

AFGHANISTAN'S Taliban has banned paper bags under a cam-

paign to impose pure Islamic law.

"We respect paper, whether it is written on or not. We have announced that people should not use paper for bags or put paper on the rubbish tip," said the Taliban's acting information minister, Amir Khan Mutaqi, yesterday. "People should use plastic "They said the maintain the plastic "They said them ministed bags instead of paper."

They said there might be some words from the Holy Koran or "They said there might be some words from the Holy North of Arabic writing on the paper which might then be thrown away and that would be an insult to the Holy Koran," said one trader. Shopkeepers said they had had a run on toilet paper from customers unsure how far the ban would go. — Retuer, Kabul.



A worker at a tractor factory in Belgrade waits yesterday for the signal to strike and take to the streets in support of the protests, but the poor organisation of the unions meant he never the left the factory grounds PHOTOGRAPHDAND STAUCHL

in vibrant web of new technology their message across Serbia and to the outside world. Chris Hedges in Belgrade "In the early days of the protests, before the inter-national media arrived, B-HEN Serbia's Slobo-

Milosevic caught

V dan Milosevic, faced with large anti-government demonstrations. tried to shut down the last vestiges of an independent news media last week, he unwittingly spawned a technological revolt. Tens of thousands of sta-

dents, professors, professionals and journalists connected their computers to Internet web sites abroad when the government closed independent radio

The drive to close us down has given

won by the opposition. B-92, which has been the main source of news here, was allowed to broadcast

But the experience has

atian and English using audio Internet links, and using its web site, continned reporting on the protests, which were set off by the government's annulment of municipal elections

made protestors aware of the tremendous potential at their fingertips. Independent journalists have of the student protests to bypass government transmitters, news agencies and television studios, using the Internet to carry

us a tool to expand our audience' station B-92 for two days. The station made digital broadcasts in Serbo-Cro-

again as the government eased its response to the protests and hinted that it might reconsider the an-nulment of the elections.

deal with supporters in the Amsterdam-based access service XS4ALL to record all its programming digi-tally and broadcast it on the Internet 24 hours a day. government meant to silence us, but instead forced us to build on a whole new technology to stay alive," said Drazen Pantic, head of the radio's

Internet service. "The given us a tool to expand our audience. Government officials or-dered the deans of Belgrade University to stop students using university computers last week to access the Internet. But as most profes sors support the protests, the order was ignored.

Serbian Internet users have even drawn up contin-gency plans should the govforward with plans sent over the Internet, would flood government of-fices. — New York Times.

behind the other three. The US, which has invested in Croatia's military to balance Serbian power in the Bal-

kans, may support Zagreb's bid and gain German back-ing. But this is a more distant

Further south, Bulgaria is

at present seen as a non-starter Romania, by contrast, is strategically important. Its

recent peaceful and demo-cratic change of government away from the former com-

munists who replaced the Ceausescu tyranny, the pros-pects of better relations with

neighbouring Hungary, and hopes for resolved ethnic ten-

sion with Hungarians, are boosting Bucharest's chances

of eventual entry.
The three Baltic countries

of Lithuania, Latvia, and Es

onia aspire to membership

but not only are they boxed in

'Vampire' woman-killer iailed in Poland

Reuter in Warsaw

ONE of Poland's most baf-fling serial murder trials ended yesterday with the con-viction of Leszek Pekalski dubbed "The Vampire" — for the killing of one woman and his acquittal on 16 other murder charges.

A court in Slupsk, north-west Poland, jailed the former bricklayer for 25 years for a single sex murder in 1991, ruling that the jail term should start only after he has been treated in a psychiatric

hospital.

During a three-year investigation. Pekalski at first admitted almost 70 murders, then cut the number to 14 and finally denied any killings and alleged that police had pressurised him into making false confessions.

He faced 17 charges of murder, two of rape and one for the abduction of a baby who later died of cold. In all but one of the cases, his lawyers successfully pointed to a lack of confident witnesse

Prosecutors said Pekalski had attacked his alleged victims, mostly women, with exceptional cruelty — beating and kicking them, strangling them with his hands and items of clothing, using knives or wooden clubs, and sexually assaulting them.

East knows a four-letter word for peace

In the second of two articles on Nato expansion, Ian Traynor surveys the frontrunners for admission as foreign ministers draw up a shortlist today

the alphabet soup of OSCEs, too, in Poland's government PFPs, and WEUs within of former communists. which the issues have been endlessly debated these past

six years. Condemned by history and geography to occupy the vul-nerable areas between the European giants, Germany and Russia, eastern Europe seeks the answers to its secu-rity dilemmas in one acronym only - Nato.

They view the North Atlan-tic Treaty Organisation as the most effective and successful military alliance ever and they want in. They do not want to be fobbed off by partnerships for peace, or other Western schemes aimed at appeasing the Kremlin's resis-tance to the West's advance

"The Czech Republic is convinced that expanding Nato and the European Union will

further the security of us all," said the Czech prime minis-

ter. Vaclav Klaus, this month.

"We intend to become mem

hers of both organisations and we are prepared to participate fully in their activities."

HEN it comes to the future security of Europe, the east Europeans have little time for views are echoed on the left,

"Nato enlargement is going to take place and Russia is going to have a problem ex-plaining to itself and to the world that it lost," the Polish foreign minister, Dariusz Ro-

The collapse of communism and the Warsaw Pact left a se-curity vacuum in eastern Europe. Russia argued that with the pact's demise Nato no longer had a function, while the former satellites continued to see a need for a higger Western alliance. Much more than west Euro-

peans, Poles and Czechs are firmly wedded to the transatlantic imperative - the need for America to be firmly engaged in European security arrangements. They fear that a Europeanised Nato could regress to the historical pattern set by Germany and Russia reaching accommodations over the heads of, behind the backs of, and at the expense of



to the Western military club is, from the point of view of Warsaw, Prague, and Budapest, about to move into a promising phase after years of doubt, handwringing, and

disappointment. A Nato foreign ministers' membership negotiations are

The frontrunners for early entry are Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. Under the rule of Vladimir Meciar, Slovakla's commit-

by Russian territory, they would also be the first former Soviet republics in Nato.

In an attempt to sweeten the pill for Russia, it is likely there will be neither foreign troops deloyments nor sta-tioning of nuclear weapons on the territory of new members.

Of the new Nato trio, Poland is the key strategic consideration — an asset for the West and the main reason for Russian opposition to ex-A Nato foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels today is ment to democracy is seen as expected to draw up a shortlist of candidates for early admission, to be followed by an alliance summit next summer Yugoslavia, has moved in just important the biggest army, and occuples the ideal tank country of the north European plain beautiful and the property of the country of the north European plain beautiful and the property of the street occupancy and Russia. pansion. It is by far the big-

Invisible hands that hold the reins

In the second of three articles in advance of this week's Chinese appointment of a new chief executive for Hong Kong, Andrew Higgins looks at where the real power will lie after Britain hands over the territory on June 30 next year



Pro-democracy activists opposing China's plan to set up a provisional legislature after the handover next year are blocked by police in Hong Kong yesterday/HOTOGRAPH: CLARO CORTES

wire-tangled corridor of a low-rent Hong Kong high-rise, a rusty secu-rity grille shields the deliberations of traditional Chinese doctors who meet to share secrets about acupuncture, ant-

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lers and herbs.
Also shared is a secret about the calligrapher whose work occupies a place of hon-our on the wall inside. It bears the signature of Zhou Nan, the mirthless cadre who heads the Hong Kong branch of the Xinhua News Agency, China's de facto diplomatic

But, explains an elderly Chinese from the mainland who asks not to be named, Mr Zhou graces the wall here in another capacity: he is the bead of an underground Communist Party network in Hong Kong and the nearby Portuguese enclave of Macao.

like this to the boardroom of Com, or Gongwei in Chinese, the Bank of China extends the "Because it is so mysteri-

LONG the fetid, | influence of an organisation that both Britain and China pretend has no presence in Hong Kong but which, in just 203 days, will be the territory's ultimate master.

Unlike the selection of Hong Kong's post-colonial governor, a predictable pro-cess that climaxes tomorrow with the choice of a Shanghaiborn, Liverpool-educated shipping magnate, the future role of the party is uncertain. "I do not know what their plans are, whether they will be legalised or whether they want to be legalised," said Tung Chee-hwa, the man cer-

Present in Hong Kong since the 1920s, but barred from any legal existence by a 1949 Societies Ordinance, the colony's Communist Party is so secretive it disguises its name. It calls itself The Hong Kong and Macao Work Com-From ramshackle offices mittee, abbreviated to Work-

tain to become chief

executive.

ous the Communist Party in | mittee, described the party in | Hong Kong makes people very anxious," admits Shiu Sin-por, a pro-China stalwart who says the party will not impose "political commissions" in the political commissions. sars" in the police or civil service but will act as Beijing's eyes and ears. Civil servants, he believes,

nothing new. They expected that in the past too," he says.

Estimates of the number of Work Committee members

range up to 20,000 - many of

whom are named in secret

special branch files awaiting

incineration or shipment

Xu. Jigtun, Mr Zhou's

back to Britain.

a book written from exile in California. He says it had 6.000 members in 1983. Alarmed to find it dominated by "old and poorly educated" zealots, Mr Xn set up a group to "work among the middle and upper classes". He does not identify his recruits. will not be perturbed. "There are bound to be cantres has even begun to "People typing up secret Communist Party members reshape the skyline, where

are going to be part of China,"
said David Chu, a property
millionaire born in Shanghai,
but educated in America.

What is important is

whether they interfere or not.

I hope and I believe they will

not. The crux is that they respect our autonomy." When Chris Patten leaves

after '97. What is important is whether they interfere or not'

renamed "chief executive" and relocated away from Gov-errment House — too colonial and too much bad fung-shui, say local experts - but will not, in theory, lose its power. Chinese organs offering ad-vice on how it should be exercised will be legion. The pro-liferation of Chinese power

the Bank of China tower has

been joined by the high-rise offices of the Chinese foreign

ministry. Workmen have also been busy redecorating HMS

Tamar, a waterfront military

office block, in anticipation of

the People's Liberation Army.

Rival Chinese bodies argue about the hierarchy of au-

thority after 1997. Tsang Yok-

sing a Marxist headmaster and veteran pro-China politi-

It is a mishmash of various roles — government and party — and will undergo tre-mendous change," said Mr Shiu, who runs a think-tank

Mr Tung, the shipping There are bound to be Communist Party members in Hong Kong

> tycoon set to replace Mr Patten, has dismissed talk of a Chinese "overlord" after the handover, insisting he will run his own show. He says he ees no problem with legalising the Communist Party. This seems unlikely as the party prefers to stay under-ground, lashing out whenever Hong Kong politicians try to

clan, says the Kinhua News
Agency should retain control
over mainland interests.
Others disagree. "Kinhua is
a product of a special history. to go public, the Work Committee is poised to enter the inner sanctum of government after decades of British surveillance and harassment.

Mr Tung, who has had strong ties with the pro-China camp since Beijing bailed out his shipping firm in 1985, is expected to bring mainland business interests such as the Bank of China into his cabinet, or executive council. This copies the pattern of

past British governors who stacked their cabinets with British taipans and bankers. But it would also mean the entry of the Communist Party. The local heads of the Bank of China, China Resources, China Travel Ser-vice and other mainland congiomerates are members of the Work Committee, accord-

bers in Hong Kong could be-come a secret channel be-tween Beijing and the chief executive. "It might be difficult sometimes for the Chinese government to phone him or send a letter telling him what to do. They might do it instead through the Work Committee."

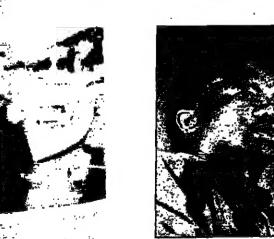
The temptation may be hard to resist. The bonds that bind the party in Hong Kong are unseen but strong. According to the account by Mr Xu, the Work Committee, in consultation with party organisers in Beijing, makes most of the decisions on China's conduct in the territory.
In 1985, when the Hong
Kong government asked the
Bank of China to help rescue

a financial house to avoid a crisis, it could not make a decision alone. There were other issues that went beyond mere money. It had to consult the Work Committee first.

Sacked ANC minister may form party Jordanian spies

reports about them would be | in Hong Kong after '97. We |

purged predecessor as head of at midnight on June 30, the Kinhua and of the Work Com- job of governor will be



Bantu Holomisa sounds out support for a new party

ELSON Mandela's Afri-can National Congress is facing the first challenge to its unity with the announcement by a sacked junior minister, Bantu Holo-misa, that he is considering forming a rival political

Maj-Gen Holomisa, a for-mer homeland leader, was one of the most popular fig-ures in the ANC before his expulsion. His allies include President Mandela's ex-wife,

Gen Holomisa announced

action aimed at forcing the president allegedly warned lenge can be mounted to the ANC to reinstate him as a him that if he gained re-admission to the ANC he would instead mission to the ANC he would in liberating South Africa is picions that the increasingly ence to consider the forma-

tion of a new party.

The general was expelled, after being fired by Mr Mandela as deputy minister of the environment and tourism, for accusing a cabinet minister, Stella Sigcau, of taking a bribe from the controversial casino boss Sol Kerzner. He also accused the ANC of accepting money from Mr Kerzner, a charge which was eventually conceded.

The former leader of the Transkei said yesterday that he had made the decision after a meeting with Mr Manyesterday that he was abandoning a Supreme Court dela last week, at which the

be "crushed".

Gen Holomiss said that in these circumstances there would be no point in re-joining. He had been under pres-sure for some time to take the lead in forming a new party and would organise a consul in the new year.

Accusing the ANC of abandoning its democratic princi-ples, he said: "Strong views have been expressed that I should launch a new party that would protect civil liberties and ensure that there are checks and balances in our new democratic order." Whether a serious chal-

questionable. But the threat comes at an awkward time.

Recently the national executive outraged supporters by forcing the resignation of the Free State region's popular premier, Patrick "Terror" Le-kota, to defuse a row over his attempts to fire members of the provincial cabinet for alleged corruption. At the weekend, the ANC in the Northern Province ignored Mr Mande-

autocratic Mr Mandela, aged 78, is losing his grip. His designated successor, Thabo Mbeki, is less than univer-

sally popular in the party. Gen Holomisa's popularity is beyond question. At the last ANC national congress he topped the poll in elections for the executive. After his expulsion, he staged rallies which drew tens of thousands Province ignored Mr Mandela's efforts to secure the unopposed re-election of their unpopular regional premier, Ngoako Ramatihodi, as provincial party chairman. An ANC senator narrowly won the politicians would risk Mr Mandela's wrath by jointy them.

spin on-line web

Intelligence agents are displaying a new openness, writes **Dominic Evans**

It was Jordan's all-powerful General Intelligence De-partment (GID). Mr Daha-

bra rushed to their beadquarters. When he got there the GID officer had just one question. Could Mr Dahabra arrange to hook Jorda-nian intelligence services on to an Internet web-site? Two months later, on No-

vember 11, the GID launched its internet home page (http://www.arab.net-/gid), promising tantalising glimpses into its operation and an e-mail address to anyone who wanted to get

in touch

Mr Dahabra said the project was the first in the Arab world where such openness is rare and the image of intelligence ser-vices is of a ruthless and invisible Big Brother, terrifying all and accountable to

resolve the quarrel, but has spiced with a few tidbits failed to contain it. Qatar is about the GID, an organisation with such control over national Court of Justice in Jordanians' lives they need its clearance to get a pass-

port or take a job in the

"We have adopted a new policy of openness which we believe will better en-hance our ability to serve our people," says a welcomever, due to the nature of week. - Reuter.

our work there exist certype of information that we will be able to provide through this medium.

Few details are provided but the GID does shed some light on its philosophy. The department lists 24 BASHAR DAHABRA'S Jordanian political parties. Those represented in cabinet it describes as "politically moderate". Others are dismissed as leftist, Islamara Arah nationalist. ist, or Arab nationalist.

The only staff named are the seven directors who have run the GID since its founding in 1964. There are no pictures of officials, nor of the GID base, said to be a complex in west Amman. The satirical weekly Abed Rebbo hinted at dark motives behind the Internet project.

"An agent in every house!" ran its headline on a story suggesting Jordani-ans were being turned into a nation of cyber-spooks, informing on their neigh-bours by Internet. It urged readers to post these ques-tions to the GID:

"Will this new service offer the citizen his right to be interrogated and kicked around via the Internet? "Why do you allow citi-zens to scream in their cells, but not shout on the

streets? "How many days do you need to get a camel to confess to being a dinosaur? The GID, answering an email query from Reuters, said it had received a "flood of congratulatory mes-

sages" on its Internet page. "It is not our intention to have an open forum for discussion through this medium, but rather to be of service to Jordanians as well as others on a one-toone basis," it added

There were 25,000 visitors to the page in its first

Ghanaian is tipped for top UN post Dispute mars

Mark Tran in New York

OFI ANNAN of Ghana, a 30-year veteran of the United Nations, yester-day emerged as the uneasy frontrunner to lead the inter national organisation as the Security Council began can-vassing views on a list of African hopefuls to succeed the secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

Mr Annan, aged 58, head of UN peacekeeping, is consid-ered by UN officials to have was soo independent.

UN peacekeeping, is considered by UN officials to have the inside track for the lob. He is liked by the US, France, Amara Essy, foreign minister and Alman Cother potential candidates include Salim Ahmed Salim Alman.

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prospects of having a secretary-general too close to the

These five all bave veto rights over the choice of sec-retary-general. The US last month blocked Mr Boutros-Ghali on the grounds that he was too sluggish on stream-lining the UN bureaucracy, but most diplomats believe that the real reason is that he

was too independent
The other three candidates
are Hamid Algabid, former

he might face problems with dou Ould Abdallah of Mauri-China, nervous about the tania, a former special envoy Otumu, who heads the International Peace Academy, a to Burundi.

But Mr Annan has the vote of UN officials. "I hope he does become secretary gen-eral, he is the most capable of the lot really. But if he is perceived as the frontrunner with the backing of the US and Britain, that could be the kiss of death," said one UN official.

It is an open secret that the US favours Mr Annan. Other potential candidates include Salim Ahmed Salim

New York think-tank.

But Nelson Mandela, the president of South Africa, revealed at the weekend that he had been told by President Jacques Chirac that France would veto the Tanzanian because he does not speak

The proceedings are being criticised as messy. African delegates have been embar-

Waving a letter at journalmilitary intelligence official ists, the Qatari minister

claimed that Bahrain had attempted to force the former emir to sign a pledge to the Bahraini ruler, Sheikh Issa, saying that he would relinquish all claims to the disputed Hawar islands if he returned to power in Qatar.
The disputed islands lie 300 metres off the west coast

of Qatar and can be reached on foot at low tide. But Bahrain claims that the local fish-ermen have historically paid allegiance to their ruling sheiks. In 1937, after a series

Hawar have not been explored for 25 years, but they are believed to contain oil and gas. If developed, the field could transform Bahrain's future, With its oil reserves dwindling, the state lives largely on Saudi hand-outs.
The Gulf Co-operation Council has not only failed to laced guide to Jordan,

dispute, the areas around

on to say that the emir was public sector. planning to lunch today with his father in Rome. But he refused to give details of any reconciliation between the two. Earlier this year, the emir began legal proceedings ing note from the GID di-in eight countries accusing rector, Sameeh al-Bu-his father of misappropriat-teikhy. "Naturally, howing state funds.

the Hagne.
The Qatari minister went

odd carrot - can do a lot to steer you

Health G2 page 12

Nick Cumming-Bruce

URMESE troops and Briot police chased stone-throwing students through Rangoon yesterday in a vain attempt to contain one of the boldest shows of deliance since the crackdown that brought the military junta to power eight

years ago.
The clashes occurred after several hundred students, continuing nearly a week of closed. demonstrations, marched towards the US embassy, holding a picture of the independence hero Aung San Suu Kvi and chanting "give us freedom" and "open the streetom".

schools". Riot police halted the march and then, backed by troops on personnel carri-ers, started to pursue stu-dents, who responded by throwing stones before dispersing down side streets and

alleys.

Residents said last night tension was still high in the capital where jittery authorities have imposed a range of security measures. Rangoon Institute of Technology and

more unstable than it has been since [the junta] took power," a diplomat in Ran-goon remarked.

The students, whose protest began after police beat three

students involved in a teashop brawl in October, have steered clear of broader politi-cal issues.

But the junta made if clear vesterday it believes it is dealing with a political challenge incited by Ms Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy and it has reportedly hundred at the weekend but warned her against leaving releasing most of them within

her house.
"We have evidence that not

Burma troops clash with rioters "The situation is fluid, it's | Communist Party are deeply involved in this unrest," a

> Ms Suu Kyi repudiated the charge as "absolutely ridicu-lous", adding that authorities "should be trying to deal with their problems instead of trying to find someone to blame".
> The junta has by its own

said.

standards acted leniently towards the students, detain-ing some 800 after a demonstration last week and several hundred at the weekend but hours. But the use of troops "We have evidence that not only some NLD members but also [exiled student militants] wear appears to have induced and elements of the Burma creased student grievances.

Gulf summit

Kathy Evans in Doha, Qatar

north of Qatar's main oilfield, the Dukkan. Because of the DISPUTE over a string of tiny, potentially oil and gas rich islands threatened to shatter the facade of unity between the Arab Gulf states yesterday. The meeting of Gulf leaders, held annually to show regional unity, ended in Doha with a blistering attack by the Qatari foreign minister, Sheikh Hamed bin Jissim, on neighbouring Bahrain. He accused Bahrain of conpursuing its case at the Inter-

ducting threatening military exercises, interfering in the emirate's affairs, and trying to take advantage of the dis-pute between the Qatari emir, Sheikh Hamed bin Khalifa al-Thani, and the father he de-posed, Sheikh Khalifa.

the Islands to Bahrain.
Billions of pounds could be at stake. The islands lie just

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Free trade's high price

Singapore is not just about lower tariff barriers

THE PROBLEM with the continuing should be linked with the obligations dialogue about free trade — the centrepiece of this week's first ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation in Singapore — is that there is too much pressure for abandoning tariff barriers and not enough discussion about the level playing field on which free trade ought to operate. Of course we are, nearly all of us, in favour of lower tariff barriers these days. A suclower tariff barriers these days. A succession of long-drawn out trade negotiations culminating in the recently completed Uruguay Round has increased the scale of international trade with potential benefits for rich and poor countries. The trouble is that the West, and the United States in particular, has too many of the bargaining counters. The powerful US lobbyists can storm into Singapore demanding free trade in the sectors where it has a strong advantage (like telecommunications, information technology and agriculture) while the West drags its heels over implementation of the existing Multi-Fibre Arrangement - one of the few provisons of the Uruguay Round that opened up Western markets to low-cost textile imports from the developing world. As Oxfam reminds us, the main com-

parative advantage of the Third World is its poverty which attracts inward investment. This is welcomed by the governments concerned because otherwise such investment would go elsewhere. It is sometimes unfairly justified by the fact that factory workers, although on ludicrously low wages, are at least better of than if they were unemployed. Some aid agencies have even been reluctant to comdemn instances of child labour for similar reasons. Oxfam cogently argues that the rights laid down by the International Labour Organisation (to which most countries subscribe) covering areas like collective bargaining, forced labour and employment discrimination | that.

proposed by the government-driven WTO. If freer world trade and social responsibility were indivisible, then the successor to the Uruguay Round might even acquire a touch of street cred it has never had before.

The American Farm Bureau sounds highly convincing when it complains highly convincing when it complains that China has for years refused to buy wheat from the US because it says American grain is contaminated with a fungus. But it declines to add that the US, which earns a cool \$60 billion from agricultural exports, operates unacceptable subsidies of her own even though the US lobbyists argue that since they are subsidies for land rather than proare subsidies for land rather than production they don't offend the WTO rules. The US is right to point out that, because of free trade, the cost of a transatlantic telephone call originating in the US is two cents a minute compared with two dollars a minute for calls originating from the protected European market. There is no doubt that cheap telephone calls and cheaper computers would be a galvanising force not just for Europe but for developing countries as well. There's just one snag. Guess who makes most of the equipment for the burgeoning information

technology markets?
The US and Europe failed to agree an information technology pact yesterday that would eliminate tariffs by the millennium. Europe wants things like fibre optic cables, capacitors and photocopiers to be included, while Washington wants them excluded. Some, like Malaysia, refused to accept zero tariffs by 2000. Like other developing countries they are afraid of opening up their own fledgling technology markets to the vastly superior prowess of the US. The US doesn't seem to be demanding reform in areas where it doesn't have a strong comparative advantage. Curious



International criticism is important, but internal dissent vital

drawn out and inconclusive, but it must they were celebrating a victory when their disputed election result in Belgrade was referred to the supreme court. But the judges found in favour of the government ruling which had set aside last month's victory by the Zajedno (Together) opposition coalition in the local elections. A number of judges in the supreme and lower courts had voiced support for the challenge, but the decision - reached with indecent speed - betrayed the heavy hand of President Slobodan Milosevic. The students may control the streets, but Slobo can still manipulate the seats.

The only hope now lies in a subsequent move by the city's electoral commission to appeal against the ruling. This could give Mr Milosevic another chance to defuse the crisis while quietly giving ground. The danger is that he is deliberately playing for time, in the hope that the opposition will turn to outright violence — which would then legitimise repressive measures. No one believes for a moment that Mr Milosevic will ever go quietly. The effect of the Dayton agreement was initially to strengthen, not weaken, his pretensions to great leadership. Though the implicit objective of the war — to build a Greater Serbla — had been lost (or at least postponed) Mr Milosevic was able least in part because the Western pow-

THE SERBIAN struggle has been ers felt obliged to treat him as such. His weakness arose not from the actual soon come to the crunch. At the end of terms of the settlement, but from the last week, the opposition forces thought | evaporation of an atmosphere of perpetual war crisis which had helped him to maintain dictatorial power against all challengers. The current protest in the streets is based on a coalition of student and intelligentsia calling for free speech with a broader stratum of middle class opinion which complains of public corruption and private hardship. Over the past three weeks it has been an impressive performance, not least because of its relative restraint (eggs and a few stones rather than firebombs or worse). But it has failed to reach a critical mass comparable to that of the Czech velvet revolution — to which it has nonetheless been compared. The organisers are now threatening workers' strikes and marches, but yesterday's protest at a Belgrade tractor factory failed miserably when only a few hundred out of several thousands took part.

The international community is hovering outside this crisis uncertainly. Mr Milosevic is the man who started the Bosnia tragedy: he is also the man who finished it. In the opposition coalition, only Vuk Draskovic appears fully committed to Dayton. But these calculations are futile in a situation so full of uncertainties. In the end Mr Milosevic will either be defeated or not by the internal forces against him. Internato present himself as a peace-maker, at tional criticism of his actions should be expressed fully and forcefully.

Strong family bonds for Caitlin

There are emotional risks: but the moral minority is wrong

THE CLINICAL research fellow at minute change of mind by the surrogate Oxford could not have been more un mother about giving up the baby equivocal: "This is a solution to a tragic | never arose. Edith Jones did not need to and rare medical problem which makes everybody happy and nobody unhappy." Alas, not everyone will be she is guaranteed a lasting relationship. happy. The moral minority has already expressed its opposition to a woman acting as a surrogate mother for her daughter's child. They remain critical is in no doubt about the debt she owes now that Britain's first surrogate to her mother. Edith Jones, aged 51, put grandmother. Edith Jones, has given her own health at risk in acting as the birth. Dame Jill Knight, the Birming-surrogate mother. Older women face ham Conservative MP, declared: "My own feeling is that it's very strange for any child to be saddled with a mother who is its grandmother."

unusual. The world's first surrogate acknowledges her need to "stand back grandmother gave birth in South Africa | and not keep reminding my daughter of in 1987, but baby Caitlin will be Brit- what I have done for her". Baby Caitlin, ain's first surrogate baby born to her own grandmother. But the usual wor- in no doubt over the strength of her

worry about losing touch with the baby she had carried. As its grandmother, Her daughter, who was born without a womb but produced the eggs which were fertilised by her husband's sperm, increased risks of high blood pressure, diabetes and varicose veins in pregnancy. Obviously there are emotional who is its grandmother."

No one can dispute the situation is were carefully counselled. Mrs Jones who will be told what happened, will be ries surrounding surrogacy — a last family's bonds — or their love.



Letters to the Editor

Race that's littered with obstacles Dead keen on

cember 7) was not entirely right. The people of California did not "(vote) to ban gender and race quotas in government posts" — nor could they have done so since there have never been any. The far right in the US would have you believe that virtually every black man or woman in employment owes their place to a quota, but that doesn't mean it is true.

Quotas do exist in the US but their use is very limited. Nonetheless, the fact of their existence has done great PR

UK but the choice is not between quotas or nothing. Yas-min Alibhai-Brown got perilcosty close to suggesting that on tins little can be achieved until tourists. white men have adjusted exist and that Wasps did not has been resolved. John Carr.

YOU are wrong to suggest that "John Maynard Keynes might not have ap-proved" of the National Lot-

tery (Stars mark reopening of

Keynes's theatre, December

7). In 1932 Keynes recom

mended "a weekly state lot-tery, less 10 per cent ... for the benefit of taxation". It

would be "a cheering thing

for the poorer members of the

of their getting a legacy".

Such a shame then that the

Government hasn't taken up

other Keynesian ideas and

has instead raised the odds

HIRTY years ago I walked into my mother-in-law's

house sporting my newly sprouted facial adornment

Letters, December 9). Her

first words to me were: "Oh

God, shave that fecking thing off." I now understand that is

was absolutely nothing to do with swearing and that, some-

how, my beard was synony-mous with "throw-half-penny". The question is: Do I

apologise to my mother-in-law for having doubted her all

these years or do I shave off

my beard and stand as Labour candidate?

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In brief

HE Besay by Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (Black looks and white lies, Deber 7) was not entirely it. The people of California rotion of a British cultural rot (worte) to han garden of the looks and white lies, Deber 7) was not entirely it. The people of California rotion of a British cultural rotion of a British cultural is a very good sign. identity need to be taken seriously. Racism and nationalism are

first cousins. The one cannot be attacked by making concessions to the other. Britishness is the name of state power. It had its last and most comprehensively unattrac tive outing when Mrs Thatcher used it to take on a tottering military dictator-ship in the South Atlantic. Her example was soon fol-lowed by English football fans

existence has done great PK existence has done great PK damage to the cause of equal opportunities, helped along by some of the excesses perpetrated at the fringes.

But Britishness is now in rapid decay. It is a misreading to see the shrillness of the Europhobes as anything other than the beginning of nationalism's end-game. Its future is Trooping the Colour on tins of shortbread for

We are witnessing an epic their heads. This is a pessi-mistic and impractical pre-scription. Of course we all wish that racist, sexist or sim-ply patronishing ideas did not official of the rival union claims that the extreme rarity regard themselves as being of black lorry drivers "may superior to the rest of us. simply be because their supe-However, you cannot tell all rior intelligence says don't paying school and at least try-non-Wasps that they have to work in a shitty job for low ing to get him into Oxford. I wait until this larger issue pay" (TUC to rule on union wonder how this will go down race row at Ford, December To dispose of such cynical white-collar racism requires

Tom Snow. Mundania Road, WASMIN Alibhai-Brown highlights clandestine racism within employmen practices and individuals

Racial discrimination has been historically rampant in highly paid jobs. I remember in 1966 when I was seeking a job as a print worker in Fleet Street. Their practices, then supported by the trade unions, were similar to those at Ford. Amin Mawani.

YASMIN Alibhai-Brown seems to be saying that now there are not enough low-grade jobs to go round and blacks are being kept out of those that there are by white competitors, black people with ability and money should try to join the

She has done this herself by

amongs those who share her concerns about the deleterious affect of such prejudices, the story in the same edition of a Muslim woman facing hostility from her work colleagues over the wearing of a with car workers suffering discrimination in Dagenham? My own conclusion after 35

IT is all too frequently the lot of left-wing Labour MPs to be vilifled while alive, only to receive posthumous praise after they have departed. Such a fate has now befallen Konni Zilliacus (Follow thy leader. December 9) because I am, of course, sad for these black and Asian middle classes that they should suffer discrimination at the higher he once said something that every single Labour Party member would agree with. levels and that they should be personally hurt. Frankly, however, this bears no comnamely that "the worst possparison with the situation of those denied jobs altogether. I cannot see how making accepible Labour government is better than the best concelvable Conservative governtance easier for monied

blacks and Asians in profes-sional jobs and the fee-paying educational sector will help.

It is surely absurd to offer this as a general solution to the problem of race relations in Britain. What it is is a plea But would Gerald Kaufman have been so generous in his support of Zilliacus had he been present when this frequently dissenting MP was doing his best to ensure the very best possible Labour government? This is a fair for special treatment for those question because disagree-ment and dissent over serious issues is all too often translated as being disloyal in the modern Labour Party. Gerald Kaufman's dissent-HILE Yasmin Alibhai-Brown's strictures on

ing views on multilateral disarmament and the Common Market, when he was eloquently voicing them in the 1980s, did not earn him the opprobrium that is so often seaped upon Tony Blair's critics.

believes that "loyalty to the leadership really counts when the leaders are wrong and unpopular", and continues by contrasting Michael Foot's honourable dissenting views with his support for Labour governments even when they were busy doing very unpopular things, such as offering support for the

Americans in Viemam. Could this be the same Ger-Marise because the cate-gory "war pensioners" in-cludes former members of the ald Kaufman who, as a mem-ber of the Shadow Cabinet, called upon Michael Foot to stand down as leader of the Labour Party only weeks bebeen in any war but have in-curred disabilities or health impairment resulting from fore a general election? Mark Seddon. Editor,

Tribune. 308 Gray's Inn Road, London EC1.

HE worst possible govern-ment is surely one that stifles debate and crushes legitimate criticism, as Mrs Thatcher did during the 1980s. Many people got in-volved in the Labour movement precisely because they were alarmed at the damage that our democracy sustained during that period and saw democratic socialism as a buiwark against further

encroachment.
It is therefore disturbing to see a longstanding Labour MP advocating the sort of "nanny knows best" elective despotism beloved of the Tory right. Simon McKeown.

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precisely that we do not grace | years of "race relations"

community to believe that there is at least the possibility It makes your blood boil

has launched a campaign to highlight the need for blood against achieving social jus-tice in the 1990s to 14 million over the coming festive period. A consultant haemotologist, referring to the plasma exchange treatment of E. coli victims, states: "We can't meet these high demands without the generosity of

Meanwhile, stocks of blood and blood products in London and the South East have fallen so low that there is only

THE Scottish National left". During these crises, as Blood Transfusion Service in the past, commercial hospitals and clinics continue to be supplied with blood at bar-gain-basement rates. One of Labour's first reforms must be an enquiry into the whole "business" of giving away blood to private hospitals and clinics. Either the supply must be stopped or else the charges increased to realistic levels probably five times those of today. Jim Brunton

7 Balderston Gardens, about "half a day's supply

Betrayal — but by whom?

approaches the pitiful thinking.

ing why an assumed competence in one, rather narrow, speciality — let's call it the stage — automatically endows one with the wit, scholarship, or minimum knowledge sufficient to indict a nation and its entire people. Wish that space would per-

tual impoverishment and, at

minimum, insist on a slightly

AM I to believe that Jona-dihan Dimbleby doesn't use mains electricity, a mobile phone or fill up the Range Rover at the local BP service mit a line-by-line rebuttal. In America, at least — that station when retreating to the most hateful and irresponsible of nations — national newspapers would not turn countryside (December 9)? This seems to be conceit and double standards worthy of over its pages to such mindless rantings sprinkled with such illuminating delicacies as "shit" and "fuck". Any edithe subject of his recent tor worthy of the name would address Mr Pinter's intellec-

biography. Nigel Linford. 12 Windermere Court, East Drive. Brighton BN2 2BU.

We do not publish letters where only an e-mail address is supplied; please include a full postal address. We may edit etters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We cannot owledge those not used.

NO one should doubt that Harold Pinter has got it right. We have recently come back from a year's stay in the US very conscious of the in-tensity of US nationalism. Every bill passed through the Senate or Congress is a "tri-umph (or victory) for the American people"

nia; simply because US troops are there.

We soon found that democracy had been invented by America, had been given to the world by America and that, thanks to America, more people in the world now wanted democracy. We met very few people who thought any of this undesirable or worrying, it was, rather, be-lieved to be normal. At the end of a year we left depressed as to where this selfdelusion might lead Les and Polly Allen

more rigorous formulation.

Ab, for the days of newsprint scarcity! An American (and quite proud of it). Irving Jaffe. 30 Margaretta Terrace,

Edinburgh EH16 STE.

AROLD Pinter's tirade (First Person, December 4) against the United States oaches the ultimate in It is continuously perplex-

Essentially, the only inter-national news on the regular TV channels concerns Bos-

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A Country Diary

with education and money.

racist attitudes will ring true amongst those who share her

headscarf (Muslim woman ap-

peals against 'hijab sacking') does not augur well for posi-

Hear them out

armed forces who have not

their service ('Shabby and mean-minded', December 6).

in some cases partial loss of

hearing was caused by prac-tice firing of their own

sive or enemy action. They rightly receive compensation.

I write as a war-disabled for-mer Cabinet minister who served in the Army through-out the second world war. I

was wounded three days after Tony Heath (is this what he died for?, December 6), and

then spent 14 months in hospi-

tal. In different battles, many

wounded near me. I recall an

occasion when one of my sol-diers suffered a perforated ear-

drum from close enemy shell-

bursts. He was correctly

breated as a casualty requiring

urgent medical attention. Lord Campbell of Croy.

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House of Lords,

apons, not by high explo-

ISUNDERSTANDINGS

tive change.

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CHESHIRE: On one of the few | a male mute swan, a Canada ambled along, at a natural-ist's pace, it was good to see that the winter thrushes had settled in to gorge on the rich harvest of berries on the hawbank, chattering away, waiting for me to pass by. I was walking over fields that had the history of the river writen across them; several small ox-bow ponds were now some distance away from the present channel, and lines of trees marked where the bank once stood. I stopped at the edge of the largest pool and watched

cheshire: On one of the few days in the past fortnight free from rain, hall or snow, I walked out of the western end of the valley and followed the river across the fields, round the wide ox-bow bend towards the small weir which was a favourite fishing spot for the resident kingfisher. As I ambled along, at a naturalist's pace, it was good to see wood — it had probably been lying in wait for a meal to come within striking distance. It was the time of year thorns — redwing, fieldfare, and blackbird flew up into a tall crack willow on the river coat, black-tipped ears, and a coat, black-tipped ears, and a bushy tail held straight even as it ran for shelter. I eventually reached the small welr only to find the water full of silt washed down by the recent rains, and the current leaping through a cloud of spray. Fishing was out of the question even for an expert like the kinglisher. J M THOMPSON

In his foreword, Griff Rhys
Jones says that some "unexpected" poems crop up,
and he isn't lying. Delicate
readers should leave us now, as we turn to poem 89, Toilet by Hugo Williams.
Sandwiched between The
Ruined Maid by Thomas
Hardy and Wilfred Owen's Futility, the poem describes a man's fantasies about a girl he sees on a train. It concludes as follows: "The light saying TOILET has come on, a sign that she is lifting her skirt, taking down her pants and peeing

all over my face." At her Colchester home, Mrs Mary Whitehouse is Mrs Mary Whitehouse is silenced by my rendition.
"Golden showers? No. I know nothing of them." she finally says. "But all the children who will be given this book for Christmas... it is an absolute shocker." Mrs Whitehouse blames the BBC. "Somebody there had BBC. "Somebody there had to approve this, and they must be a little bit sick. I've never heard of such a thing in all my life." Never? "Never." What more is there to say?

NLY days after reporting the stream of complaints about the refurbished Commons tea room (that funny little chap Alan Duncan demanded toothpicks), we learn of further problems. After the management were forced to wash the dishes last week when the machine broke, a group of Labour MPs — led by the disobedient Ann Clwyd have been whingeing about the "metallic taste" from plates and cups. The staff deny responsibility, blam-ing the brand of rinse they use. Where will it end?

N startling religious news, it is claimed that Michael Jackson's un-born child will be Jewish. Shalom, a fortnightly London paper, "exclusively reveals" that Debbie Rowe, Mr Jackson's nurse/wife and the baby's mother, converted after being adopted by a Jewish family as a child, and under Jewish law the child takes its faith from the mother. The irony will hardly be lost on Mr Jackson himself, who was forced last year to apologise

F New Labour PR supremo Alastair Camp-bell is going home to Burnley this Christmas, we have the perfect night out. Kenny Ball and His Jazzman will play Burnley Mechanics on December 20, and the brochure promises not only seasonal tunes but also "all the classic hits". Should the box office (01282 430055) be sold out, console yourselves with Kenny's much loved festive album Christmas Dixieland, now

OPES rise, mean-while, that Alastair's mannerly approach is finally rubbing off on Mr Tony Blair. On Friday, Mr Blair called the organs of criticised his lack of clarity on devolution "unreconstructed wankers". Tut, tut. This is just the sort of out-burst that can get a Labour MP charged with bringing the party into disrepute. Language, Anthony!

REGULAR seasonal feature, in which friends share their Christmas messages, begins today with Peter Bumley. "At a time of goodwill, it is better to avoid giving advice or guidance," says the Eltham sage. "The Diary will be in my prayers, but I doubt it will do more good than it did in the last year." Tomorrow's message will come from Terry Major-Ball.

NDING, alas, much as we began, we come to the enchanting Sun-day Times column of that famous "Nit Girl" Tara Palmer-Tonkinson. Last week Tara ran out of petrol in the Fulham Road and went to the Café de Paris ("occasionally I even amaze myself with my stamina"). but it is the past that concerns us, and Tara's memory of a Wembley gig in which "Freddie Mercury gave the first five rows the waterworks — relieving himself all over them", affecting her own Rifat Ozbek jacket. It's an adorable tale which might make a fine poem, but it is also cobblers. Understandably, perhaps. Tara was confused between someone throwing water from a cup - famously, a Freddie Mercury trade-mark — and passing it from their bladder. The furious management of Queen is considering how to proceed. Poor Tara; but hey. that's the thing about being a Nit Girl . . . it never rains

Matthew Norman Pull all together A A HE Diary is in shock after stumbling across an entry in the BBC's verse authology, The Nation's Favourite Poems. In his foreword, Griff Rhys

> John Biffen thinks the Tories will pull together over Europe until the election, but Hugo Young, below, says they're divided over the party itself

HAVE now sat in the Commons since 1961, and as a Westminster veteran I thought I had seen it all. But I must be practical Europeans, the many tones the current Tory divisions over Europe crain must be insit of European integration. These Turies were not disaprented with European integration. confess the current Tory divisions over Europe strain my memory of political drama. It is not merely division; that was paralleled by the defection of Roy Jenkins and the SDP. It is the divisions which are being pursued with such recklessness against the rocks of a general election. It seems extraordinary that the Conservative Party, with its historic commitment to power rather than ideology, should now be risking a defeat the magnitude of which is uncertain.

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The European debate has brought division to the Conservatives ever since the early 1960s. The early vintage of aceptics included distinguished former ministers, such as Robin Turton and Derek Walker Smith. And there was no doubt that Edward Heath and the new ganeration of managerial Conservatives captured the Tory head and heart in the 1960s. Tory Euro-enthusiasm reached its peak with accession to the European Community in 1972. nity in 1972. There still remains a signifi-

ward Heaft's ambitions for an economically and politically integrated Europe. It is an important element in the senior echelons of the party and is currently represented by Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. Unlike the 1970s, the Tory Euro-anthusiasts are now in decline, and the Maastricht debate showed how the belauce had tilted.

eventually take control of for-eign, defence and home af-fairs. There are now many more of them than there were of Sir John Gorst. It is inconcant element in the Conserva-tive Party that respects Ed-ward Heath's ambitions for an in the band of zealots which

important element in the senior echelons of the party and is currently represented by Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. Unlike the 1970s, the Tory Euro-enthusiasts are now in decline, and the Maastricht debate showed how the balance had tilted within the party, at least by sentiment if not by vote.

The arguments over the single currency have put these divisions into aharp perspective. John Major showed a sound instinctive judgment when he insisted that the Britalish would have to reserve a wood and his colleagues will ish would have to reserve a wood and his colleagues will The Rt Hon John view on the single currency do the kind of harm to modern Shropshire North

CHN Major has the miserable task of keeping on-side Turies who have policy quarrels and personal political rancour. Lord Kilmuir once called loyalty "the Turies' secret weapon". It might still be, but I would also plead for tolerance. The party might still be, but I would also plead for tolerance. The party has to get through the next few months by showing a modicum of mutual regard, or else it will be in the same political graveyard that entombed it at the period of the Corn Laws and tariff reform.

Meanwhile, we still have a nightmare of political timing. I suspect that the situation is less feverish than the current

happen ahead of a new register now only a few weeks away. The window of time for an election is likely to be only some six weeks, and my money is still on May 1.

My grees is that the Conserva My guess is that the Conser-vatives will not oblige their opponents, or their own ultra-zealots, by some fractricidal split. The party will fight together and then resume con-flict later. Those who relish high drama will not be disappointed. The European split will be joined with more deter-mination than ever; and so it

The Rt Hon John Biffen is MP for

Euro-sceptic majority for the annihilation of his wing of which there's no proof, the creation of a bandwagon that doing his best to stake out

scapegoats. Serving that role, Kenneth Clarke is named as the man whom the leader might most usefully sacrifice, but, since that is now impossi-ble, the man who can be blamed after the election for blamed after the election for ain's continuing membership the humiliation it is about to of the EU itself. bring Rational politicians, again, would be doing their best to magnify and exalt the minister who has delivered the core of their case for re-election. Instead of that, Mr

doing his best to stake out positions: among other things, by fencing the leader in and guarding against concessions to the phobes.

What Clarke partly fears about the kind of surrender which the Gardiners and Redwoods are still bent on demanding is that it would undermine Britain's negotiating position, in just the way Mr Major cogently de-scribed. But what really terrifles him is knowing that a surrender over Emu would be but a prelude to the as-sault by the right on Brit-

There's now, I believe, no chance of that struggle not being joined. Nor will it be a secular contest, of which the rest of the country can expect to be merry spectators. Clarke, in his turn, is being Rather like an Emu to which sterling does not belong the fate of the Tory Party will affect members and non-members with equal potency.
Spurning their leader's final effort to impress them into reason, the phobic wing have decided to fight to the death.

ticking on the toxic taxi

The meter is



lightly we might try to tread the Earth, there is absolutely nothing we can do with them.
Last week, I phoned my
county council about three
innocuous-looking household
products. I had a quarter of a pint of white spirit, a dead fluorescent bulb and two defunct rechargeable NiCad batteries. I wanted the council's toxic taxi service to come to the rescue. The council told me to pour the white spirit down the drain, put the light-bulb on the dump and, as it had no idea what to do with them, ring the Department of Trade and Industry about the batteries. I rang the DOT batteries. I rang the DTI, which told me to throw them

in the bin.
I pointed out that a quarter pint of white spirit is enough to pollute several hundred gallons of water, until it evap-orates and gathers in explosive pockets in the sewers; forces us to comply with its that the bulb contains mercury and that there's a picture of a crossed-out wheelie hin on the batteries: cadmium poisons everything. I was told of progressive manufacturers.

lute. Indeed. Friends of the Earth calculates that 1,300 tonnes of cadmium - a minor Armageddon — could be released in Britain between 1995 and 1999, through the dumping of "sco-friendly" batteries alone.

The council agreed, but said there was nothing it could do. Picking up such tiny loads would be prohibi-tively expensive for the toxic tory obligation to deal with them. European law insists that NiCad batteries be col-lected and disposed of seps-put the old ones.

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rately, but the British government has decided that a voluntary code will suffice. New regulations issued by the Government in August classify only asbestos as "special" household waste.

This means that I am neither obliged, nor will be helped to dispose of my white spirit and fluorescent bulbs separately. Even if I were refurbishing a superstore and had hundreds of strip lights to get rid of, I would find it much cheaper to pay £7 a tonne in landfill tax than to get them taken away and recycled. There is, in other words, neither a municipal nor a market solution for this waste. Manufacturers, able to set their own standards, have no interest in reclaiming the tiny quantity of solvenis or

tions will be the minimum possible response to the European directive on packaging wasts; a fraction of the effort made by most European countries.

But at least the Government has responded, which is more than can be said for its approach to a less visible but even more menacing problem than our packaging mountain: the deadly chemicals—or "hazardous household waste"—dumped by people like you and me. However lightly we might try to tread ther regulation would be un-competitive and therefore un-popular. Yet a survey by the consultancy Save Waste And Prosper found people stack-ing up half-empty bottles of weedkiller, paint and oil cans in their garages and garden sheds, rather than allow them to be released into the to be released into the environment.

man government responded to its own householders' concerns with an act requiring manufacturers to take res ponsibility for everything they produce, throughout its life cycle, Already, German companies are designing electronic goods which can be easily repaired, upgraded, re-used or recycled, rather than simply dumped when they be-come obsolete.

Yet again, Britain will discover a new trade deficit when the Commission finally not to worry too much: such small quantities would be "diluted and dispersed".

But surely, I reasoned, if everyone does the same, the poisons will certainly be dispersed, but won't be very diluted luter by the same of the same of the particles.

> ing car drivers not to tip their waste oil down the road drain but to take it to a garage for recycling drivers, though not garages, have responded well. But these wastes are the easiest ones to handle. Most of the poisons we dump will only disappear with the kind of help which comes from legis-lation. In the meantime, I won't be buying any new rechargeable batteries ever environmentally-friendly they purport to be — until there's somewhere to

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Commentary

HE Conservative Party isn't fighting about the election. It's fighting shout what happens after the election. The soul of the corpse is now what's being disputed. The last shred of doubt about that has been dispelled by the reaction to the Prime Minister's Sunday interview. This lucid, powerful performance gave any Tury still interested in winning the election, or perhaps minimis-ing the scale of the cataclysm, a platform on which to asser ble. It made a calm and logical case for the British interest and the party interest. Many Tory members and voters would settle for it. But they are no longer the party. The party now has to be defined as those who insist on tearing

it apart.
The electoral case of the anti-Europe right is a tissue of self-deception, but let us hear it. Some of them do imagine they are doing the party a favour. John Redwood and his friends contend that coming out categorically against Brit-ish membership of a single currency, now or preferably ever, is the way to win. Maybe they are aincers. Such is their own ravenous obsession with the assault on British sovereignty that economic and monetary union represents that they persuade themselves the whole country can be made to share it.

Apparently they see an elec-torate which is about to reverse the consistent, threeyear, 25-point popularity-defi-cit it has accorded the Govern-ment, and carry Mr Major leaves and supplied that the same hid-eous alchemy in 1997, will not

aloft in triumph because he has been forced to state, thanks to the higher wisdom of his backbenchers, that the guments for it might then turn

This is an improbable prophecy. It somehow taxes the credulity of anyone still capable of resonably detached estima-tion. Even as a proposition on its own, it sounds like a doubt-ful call. But compared with the certainty of its parallel conse-quences, it is laughable. It can-not be made by serious people whose prime interest is in elec-tion victory. Insisting on it now, with every soundhite every day, produces the visi-ble, andible, entirely unspecu-lative consequence of a party rabidly divided; not a happy picture, by all the anguries, to

give the voters. And insisting on it to the point of success — while "the strife goes on", as Sir George Gardiner MP prom-ises with relish — involves forcing a surrender out of the only Prime Minister the party has got, in abject retreat from the "leadership" they're conthe "leadership him to show.

In any case, the battle of substance is one the right has already won. This is the final proof, if it were needed, of their extraordinarily bad faith. They aren't fighting to stop anything that's in danger of happening under a Tory government. That contest was wor, game, set and match, when a united leadership conceded in Awril that them

ceded in April that there would have to be a referendum before Britain entered Emu. The right have already made it absolutely certain that Prime Minister Major and

pound will not enter Emm in the first wave.

This is an improbable prophsive destructive event that a referendum campaign would instantly become. In terms of the election, the

right are shooting at a phan-tom. If their interest was the election, they would be letting he described on Sunday; being a cogent voice at the table of a vital negotiation, arguing against a convergence-fudge that could wreck the entire EU economy, taking advantage of the amazing fact that, despite the demented rage that now dominates the psyche of the governing party, the EU is opparently still willing to listen to the British leader.

VITH everything se-cured against the frightful danger of sterling being replaced by the euro, the nor-mal political instincts of normal party politicians facing imminent election would be to essemble on the platform he has now, quite unambigu-ously, provided. But they won't. They are no

longer normal, rational politi-cians. They have moved on. They've given up on a Tory victory in any circumstances. But even if they hadn't, they've decided that control of the party by their faction is more important than control of the country by their party. This is their driving preoccupation, and they now see a chance to make it happen.

will carry all before it, the extraction of commitments that erode what remains of the leader's freedom, the creation of a climate that renders in-conceivable anything other than a wholly Euro-phobic stance after the election of a Labour government.

A crucial part of this positioning is the preparation of

driven to think about the post-election scenario.

Just as much as Mr Red-wood, he is conducting himself in post-electoral mode. He It is an insidious campaign, being conducted to cumula-tive effect: the assertion of a prepare his part in it or face

the story of the process of statement-taking and selec-tivity by the authorities. And the accuracy of medi-

doubt. The entire process of the inquests was flawed. And the accidental verdict was a majority verdict following the coroner's di-rection that accidental death could include negligance by any of the parties. Only when the investigating agencies reveal all the evidence and those culpable are held responsible will

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No justice yet for Hillsborough

Phil Scraton wants full disclosure of evidence and how it was got

cry over injustices en-dured by those in-volved in the Hillshorough volved in the Hillsborough disaster is umprecedented. For nearly eight years they have lived in the vain hope that legal processes would answer their questions. Lord Justice Taylor found the police were culpable; in compensation rulings, judges stated that the police had admitted fault, as did the Attorney General in a statement to the Commons. statement to the Commons. Yet the Director of Public

Prosecutions considered that there was insufficient that t of accidental death. Our parts: mini-inquests for research over six years demonstrates inadequacy hearing. Families heard and dishonesty in the in-quests; a non-adversarial

synopses of witness state-ments, compiled by West Midlands police officers of process which regularly fails the bereaved. All who died, including children, had blood alcohol levels taken. This is usually done mems, compiled by West Midlands police officers of the investigation team which serviced the enquiries. The families had hundred of questions to ask the investigation team

dent on the coroner's dis-Crucial police evidence was the suffering of injustice be never heard nor cross-ex-amined. And the coroner's decision to impose a 3.15pm cut-off on all evidence

meant even accounts of the deaths were not heard.

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Keeper of our shared memory

Ruskin College Oxford the histo-rian Raphael Samuel, who has died of aged 62, transformed himself into an institution. For more than 30 years he was settled in his niche as a common-or-garden lecturer at that crucible of working class adult education and during that time he became an inescapable presence in the his-torical profession. A key fig-ure in the birth of the radical History Workshop in the late who worked from his discipline's margins, but increasingly exerted pressure on its centre. So, by 1994 it was Samuel, marginal man, who delivered the James Ford special lecture in English history at Oxford University. Samuel loved obituaries. He

read them with characteristic verve and engagement. He wrote many, pouring warmth and erudition into them. He reflected on the form itself, curious about its historical origins; from hints in RW Southern's The Making of the Middle Ages he decided its true historical locus lay in medieval monastic life. He was fascinated by the current revival of obituaries turning. in this case, to a rather different source — the American cultural theorist Fredric Jameson's conceptions of postmodernity and of a "nos-

talgia for the present". In part, his desire to unravel the secrets of the obituary was merely one enthusiasm amongst many which, at various times, possessed him. But in a larger sense the de-termination to commemorate the dead lay at the heart of his extraordinary, incomparable passion for the past.

In this he was like a man driven. Consistently un-kempt, he lived the life of the mind, while physically possessing the air of an insom-niac and a metabolism which eemed impatient to burn up the calories the moment they entered his body. I always thought of him as more di-minutive than he actually was, pitted against odds larger than he. He was a chaotic, bohemian Prometheus in public with an unabashed sense of self, dedicated to retrieving for all manner of people their memories and

Yet for all his activism, the widely be commemorated would have seemed to him, I in the international commuthink, a bit shocking, or imreticence, and of much else in in his youthful commitment to communism and specifi-

ROM his base at with which he embraced the world". Putting himself back together again, and recon-oxford the histo-series of essays published in structing from the debris a series of essays published in New Left Review in 1985 — at a moment when British communism was on the point of unravelling — he attempted to explain to a younger, more laid-back generation the interior emotional life of the true-believer. "To be a commu-nist", he wrote, "was to have a complete social identity".

He was, in the 1940s, a schoolboy communist growing up in relative impoverish ment. He shared this existen tial, intellectual world with his mother to whom, for Christmas 1950, he gave a copy of In Defence of Materialism by the "father of Russian Marxism", Georgy Plekhanov. He was becoming a young activist, making his own the communist neighbourhoods in north London, St Pancras in nerticular Dun. St Pancras in particular. Dur ing the war years he spent some time in Slough, west of London, around the trading estate where his mother was

working and organising.

He read the Daily Worker
Football Annual He learned The Tractor Song in Russian. The first movie he saw recounted the heroic role of children in the Russian revolution of 1905. While still at school in the late 1940s, he joined with his elders who had formed the justly renowned historians' group

structing from the debris a political or moral justification for the study of history, demanded an intellectual journey, conducted by him journey, conducted by him research the potential for democratising historical study.

A Priskin he was fond of nation and intransigence, in-tellectual sophistication and self-declared theoretical He became a member of the

which was to become the New Left Review in 1960 and within which he was a key mover. At the end of the 1950s he was also a co-founder of London's Partisan Coffee House in Soho, the new left's shortlived contribution to the coffee har boom. In place of the Party and its

cadres, there emerged a more democratic — and modest — conception of "the people" or "the popular" for whom, and to whom, historians should speak. In place of scriptural truth handed down by the Party, there arose a more imaginative mode of writing ancouraging people to think for themselves about the world as a historical place and chalas a historical place and chal-lenging that which seemed or-dained by nature to be perma-nent. But Samuel's original cast of mind was still evident: obsessional, driven, and — for all its populism — eccen-tric, a mentality strangely

The determination to commemorate the dead lay at the heart of his extraordinary, incomparable passion for the past

bringing him into contact of a modern culture.
with such figures as Christo- Conventionally, reputapher Hill, Eric Hobsbawm and EP Thompson. Later, when the imperatives of militancy combined with what from a contemporary aspect
— looks like the innocent call of romance, it was of course a comrade who became the object of his affections, which were first declared on Ar-thur's Seat, in Edinburgh, a suitably bracing arcadia.

historical study. His tyro activities continued apace. nist movement. There was

tions of prestigious historians derive from the books they write and their silent elevation through academic hierarchies. On neither count, for most of his professional life, could Raphael Samuel have claimed even a look-in. His first single-authored book Theatres Of Memory appeared when he was touching 60 — a preposterous way to conduct At Balliol College, Oxford, in the early 1950s, under the benevolent eye of his tutor, Christopher Hill, Raphael Samuel immersed himself in professorship, he was happy in his chosen milieu of adult Commanded by the Party to education at Ruskin, and gen-get his first, he did just that. In 1966 came the great crisis | thing which might smack of | tual vitality and love of hiscareerism. Only earlier this tory, but to his conception of year, in March, was he finally Soviet leader Nikita Krushchev's "secret speech" on Stalin's crimes followed by the
Red Army's crushing of the
Hungarian Revolution. Samuel's world fell apart. From Great Britain.

"Commitment" here only and sense of self became, as in the marvellous oral history weakly conveys the fervour he described it later, "a lost biography which in 1981 he and emotional turnoil.

exhorting untrained students straight away in the sources. When he lectured, he was in group centred around the the habit of bringing the ar Universities Left Review. chive with him, first in brief cases and shopping-bags, later in a niftier array of shoulder-bags. Like a fair-ground magician he would profusion of files and books and scraps of paper, nipping from pile to pile, delighted to share the fruits of his research with his audience. From this conviction abou

the democratic properties of historical study emerged the History Workshop, Initially this harnessed the Ruskin ethos of "worker-historians" with the more cosmopolitan intellectual spirit, exemplified in what was then the mildly subversive idea of social history, which could be found at Oxford's St Antony's College. In March 1967 the first History Workshop meeting was advertised, "A Day with the Chartists". The History Workshop was a product of the late 1960s but

it has flourished since. Annual meetings, particularly in the early days, were exu-berant affairs, serious-minded carnivals of enthusiasts for history. Regional networks mushroomed in 1976 the first issue of History Workshop Journal was published. This was inspired by a small group of intellectuals which had emerged from Ruskin, from Oxford, and from the History Workshop networks. The jour-nal was established on mili-tantly democratic principles which — in a very different environment — later genera-tions still strive to uphold. But the presences of Raphael Sam-uel and of his erstwhile partner, Anna Davin, were formative and profound. To read the run of the jour-

nal, or to go through the 30 or 40 volumes published in the book-imprint which accompanied the journal's early years. is to witness the growth of the historian's mind. In the editorials, countless contributions, "enthusiasms" and reports, can be found the testament

might look like. This massive intellectual output, with every word open to collective scrutiny did not encourage conventional cour-tesies. What made it happen,



A life of the mind . . . consistently unkempt, physically Samuel possessed the air of an insomniac

Invariably, Raphael Samuel | carried him along the heri-was mild-mannered and the tage trail and into domestic from the ethos he had im-last to hreak. When con-DIY, inspiring him to conduct | bibed in the streets of St last to break. When confounded, a bewildered innocence crossed his face. But he was deadly serious about his ideas, with a conviction which came to him from his communist inheritance. Inevitably, with such a vast output, there was sometimes a lack of discrimination. Those nisms by which the past is

In 1994, as well as delivering the James Ford lecture, he published the first volume of his Theatres of Memory: Past And Present in Contemporary Culture. It was a series which aimed to look at the way the past is active in the present. That first volume tions took him to many In 1987 he married Alison

a compendious inventory of all manner of contamporary

retro-chic.
Through the 1980s his intellectual concerns had shifted from reconstructing the lost experiences of the powerless His work took on a hue more familiar in cultural studies than in conventional history. This shift was marked by the publication of his article entitled The Philosophy of Brick.
It explored the revived penchant in London for brick buildings. These investiga-

Pancras in the 1940s.

Theatres of Memory was hugely lauded in the quality press, bringing him a new public. Its argument was, in its own right. trust the people. The heritage industry might be despised by intellectuals, but it struck a obituaries derived from their lack of discrimination. Those nisms by which the past is resonance deep in the culture symbolic power to "defy the he worked with he charmed, remembered, dramatised and of the people and thus could idea of extinction". The symbolic power of his lifetime's sionals, including friends who had shared much with him. divided. But conceptually, the argument marked the culmi nation of his thinking since for inspiration to the reflexes

Light, a union of love, com-radeship and hard intellectual sparring: their home be-came a place of warm entertainment, an axis for an assoriment of networks, and an effective workshop of ideas

work provided an impressive dignity for those ill-served by history, and worked to the

SHI Schwarz Raphael Samuel, historian, born

John Birt, director-general, BBC, 52; Kenneth Branagh.

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Mary Leakey

A dawn for history in the dust of the gorge

Y NO stretch of any imagination could the palaeontologist Mary Leakey, who at at the age of 83, have Mary Leakey, who has died at the age of 83, have been called an ordinary woman. Or an ordinary wife, mother or home-maker. Or an ordinary scientist. Her fame arose as one consequence of or, contrarily, his arose partly as one consequence of marrying her. Very little was

of their lives, or their work, their relationship together or the family they produced.

Even Mary Leakey's upbringing in London was original. Her father, whom she adored, was a travelling land-scape painter, often living for years away from Britain. He ion, nurturing her immediate interest in archaeology, taking her on walks whenever and wherever possible until. most devastatingly, he died when she was 13. In the next few years she was expelled from a couple of schools and her childhood ended without academic qualification. Then, as a diligent amateur archae-ologist, glider pilot, and with a sharp wit in either French or English, she met Louis

He was married, but not averse to other relationships. He had a daughter and his wife was pregnant again when he met Mary Nicol, having already been impressed by her illustrations of stone tools. He was 30, she was 20, and she even stayed at Louis's home in Cambridge for a week when his wife was coming to the end of what had been a difficult pregnancy. Mary felt no guilt, perceiving the marriage as no kind of marriage, and drew ever closer to Louis. Even the closer to Louis. Even the birth of a longed-for son did bles but the Leakey mealnot disrupt the new relationship. One month later, in Jan-uary 1934, Louis informed his like open warfare.

but, the moment formalities had been completed, Mary and Louis were married in a Herifordshire registry office, with a somewhat astonished Maasal serving as best man. Back in Africa again life

was not easy for the new pair, mainly for a terrible lack of funds. Louis's work as fossilfinder was not yet properly appreciated. He had proudly proclaimed to the powers that-be an exciting discovery, believed to be part of human ancestry, but then had trouble re-finding the actual site. thus earning opprobrium rather than a grant. In those early years Mary pursued archaeology more than he was able to do, a huge paid-for project on the Kikuyu con-suming the greatest part of her time.

was born in November 1940. "I quite liked having a baby," Mary wrote, "... but I had no intention of allowing motherhood to disrupt my work as an archaeologist." Within a few weeks of that birth she was off on another expedition while Louis stayed home to help with the baby. Her next child, a daughter, died from dysentery when three months old, and thereafter there were two more boys, Richard and Philip. The three sons have all achieved fame in their different fields, Jonathan as animal collector, Richard as na-

lacontologist, and Philip as politician To say there was continual harmony in the Leakey household would be to snap the thread of truth well past breaking point. Other fam.



Digging deep . . . Olduvai Gorge made Leakey famous

Mary would listen to the | fever and Mary went off alone debates, if that is correct enough a term, and would then surprise others by making "wry, irreverent and sometimes caustic remarks". What could have been done? she asked years later; 'It was something the children had to sort out for themselves".

to another section of Olduval Gorge, the valley in Tanzania which had already provided innumerable animal remains as well as artefacts. For over two decades the Leakeys had been working there, a fact testifying to their extraordinary diligence. It is a hot animals. They spoke of "our man", as if knowing be would be unearthed — one day. At midday on the 17th, just when the sun was making it most difficult to distinguish

fossil bones from rocky stones, she noticed a bone "not lying loose on the sur-face but projecting from behad a hominid look, but the bones seemed enormously thick - too thick, surely, the soil, two teeth emerged se in the curve of a jaw. Instantly her doubts vanished, and she drove swiftly back to Louis. His fever vanished instantly and, after he, too, had seen the teeth, "we almost cried with sheer joy," as he wrote for the texture for the secondary." wrote for the sponsoring National Geographic maga-zine "... At last we had reached our goal — we had discovered the world's earliest known human."

Zinjunthropus boisei, the "man from East Africa", not only initiated much of East African hominid history but brought true renown to the Leakey endeavours. Mary had found it, but Louis ar gued its status within the human tree. She kept quiet, particularly on a visit to South Africa where they examined the australopithecine fossil fragments which might, or might not, be closely related to Zinj. Louis was adamant about their dissimilarity. She, gaining credibility as an independent thinker, kept her opinions to herself, thus enhancing her reputation as a cautious scientist, a label which Louis was never able

A few years later, the two Leakeys were each offered an honorary doctorate by the The most famous day in the place, far from anywhere University of Witwaterstand, Leakey story arrived in July with the ordinary comforts of Johannesburg. Louis delife—such as running water, clined. As a Kenyan citizen he more solidly on her own two Decamber 9, 1996

but they had been determined could not accept an award feet than ever before. In 1975 to find a man to go with all from a country not even rectangled apress conferthose tools and bits of fossil ognised — for its apartheid ence in Washington DC, a policies — by the Kenyan gov-ernment. Mary, without an academic qualification to her name, happily accepted and travelled south alone before returning as Dr Leakey. The incident did not cause but marked a parting of the Lea-key ways. She had been used to saying: "Well, we'll have to ask Louis about that." By the end of the 1960s, Olduval had become, as one writer called it, "her show". She could find hominid remains, direct the

> Just when the sun was making it most difficult to distinguish fossils

from rocky stones, she noticed a bone

excavations, and even acquire the funding. The pair did not so much part company as spend little time in each other's company, he mainly in Nairobi and her most other at Oldnyai. most often at Olduvai.

Parting became absolute when Louis died in 1972, but family feuding continued even then Mary arranged for his cremation but Richard countermanded her instructions by having him buried within Kikuyuland, arguing that he was Kikuyu and such people did not accept crema-tion. (Mary then stipulated that she had no wish to be burled in such a place. In-stead, she preferred to have her ashes scattered at

By no means did Mary stop work when the reason for her

solo performance. "I used to play second fiddle to (Louis) because I really didn't like all that fuss and attention." At that meeting she told of 13 hominid fossils which had been found. Standing alone at the podium, and giving her descriptions, Dr Mary Leakey had truly arrived. This was even more the

case when she discovered the Laetoli footprints in 1977. Many animal prints had al-ready been encountered at this place (about an hour's drive from Olduvai), and everyone at the site was on the lookout for hominid indentations. When eventually found they were not only posi-tively bipedal, thus affirming that people (of a kind) were walking upright all those years ago, but one set of prints was superimposed upon another. This fact made identification harder but seemed to make that trio of individuals, strolling along on fresh volcanic ash, come to life even more vividly than fossilised remains.

Mary collected several hannesburg award and many other forms of honour. She also gathered antagonisms, when colleagues in her field became rivals or foe. She also tended to regard the famous gorge named Olduvai as her preserve -- which, in a sense. it was, as she had brought such lustre to its name. It would be a fitting location for her ashes, even if distant from the remains of the equally difficult, equally eccentric and no less brilliant individual who was her partner for so long.

Anthony Smith

Birthdays

actor, director, 36; Harry Co-hen, Labour MP, 47; Sir John Collins, chief executive, Vesty Group, 55; Prof Barry Cunliffe, archaeologist. 57: Rumer Godden, playwright, poet and author, 89; Ann Gloag, co-founder, Stagecoach Holdings, 54; Cecil Hallett, former gen-eral secretary, AEU, 97; Lord founder president, institute of Economic Affairs, 72; Nicholas Henderson, race-horse trainer, 46; Michael Jopling, MP, former Conser-Joping, MP, former Conservative minister, 66; Joan Kenworthy, principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 63; Jahangir Khan, squash player, 33; Nicolas Kynaston, concert organist, 55; Raphael Maklouf, sculptor, 59; Michael Manley, former prime minister of Jennice prime minister of Jamaica, 72; Sir Jeremy Morse. banker, former chairman. Lloyds Bank, 68; Shirley Rit-chie, QC, 56; Sir Angus Stirling, director, Greenwich Trust, former director-genration to the National Trust, 63; Kathryn Stott, concert pia-nist, 38; Chad Stuart, rock singer, 53; Colin Turner, for-mer rector, Glasgow Acad-emy, 63; Michael Wright, writer on architecture, fine writer on architecture, fine art and conservation, former director, National Heritage Memorial Fund, 60.

Death Notices

in Memoriam

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Job fears for brewery workers



Referral to MMC thwarts Bass bid

HE daring attempt by Bass to regain its position as the brewer could become ensnared by govern-ment efforts to avoid bad publicity over job losses just before a general election, City

analysts are predicting.

Bass's £200 million acquisition of a half share in Carisberg-Tetley was yesterday referred by Trade and Indus-try Secretary Ian Lang for scrutiny by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The deal would give Bass whose brands include Carling Black Label, Caffrey's, Hooper's Hooch and Tennent's — 35 to 40 per cent of workforce could go.

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De British beer market.

That would allow the com
Stood to have offered a range only after certain conditions through. the British beer market.

pany to leapfrog over Scottish March 24 — likely to be peril-de Newcastle, which usurped outly close to a general top slot last year following its acquisition of Courage.

That deal gave SaN about 30 per cent of beer production, which has dropped from 12 to 10 billion pints a year

·Mr Lang said he considered the merger raised "competi-tion concerns in relation to the significant increase in concentration of production in the UK brewing industry".

The Carlsberg-Teiley deal would almost certainly mean substantial job losses even if production at the 14 jointlyowned breweries is not cut. The Transport & General Workers' Union has estimated that 2,000 posts from the combined 8,000 brewing

The MMU does not have to publish its decision on the proposed acquisition until March 24 — likely to be peril-

Bass had promised that it would not close any of its breweries if the amalgam-

mewerles it the amagamation with Carlsberg-Tetley was nodded through by the competition authorities.

The group is now unlikely to feel itself bound by that pledge and analysts said yesterday that at least one of the homeometric was likely to be brewerles was likely to be

That is on the basis that Bass will probably be asked to release 700 to 1,000 of its pubs from the so-called tie — the requirement to stock Bass beers. Analysts say Bass would look to sell any pube it has to untie.
Carlsberg-Tetley was itself



tion worries.

Although any delay to Bass being able to consolidate Carisberg-Tetley will reduce its potential cost savings, most analysts are still betting

the company will be allowed to go shead with the purchase if it agrees to the sale of pub will give Bass another £20

million in return for a 20 per cent stake in the enlarged Brewers. If Bass cannot complete the deal within the next 15 float

months, it can sell the Caris-berg-Tetley assets it has ac-quired back to Carlsberg for £110 million. Allied Do will reimburse Bass to the tune of £30 million and Carlsberg could then sell 14.99 per cent of the joint venture back to Allied for \$22 million.

Scottish & Newcastle was allowed to buy Courage last year without having to undergo a monopolies investigation although the company was forced to sell 115 of its tied pubs to push the deal

Salutary warning for investors



Notebook

Alex Brummer

A of last week normality was suitably restored to equities and the foreign ex-changes in the latest trading

and the pound are concerned the producer prices data were a clear plus. It seems that the stronger pound has been strutting its stuff as far as input prices are concerned with a 3.2 per cent tumble month on month: the biggest drop since the series began in

On the output side there was also a moderation in prices and the year-on-year rate of inflation is now 2.1 per cent against 2.3 per cent a

year ago.

The encouraging feature is that price increases are starting to slow in the finished goods sector and this is before

the stronger rate for sterling has worked its way fully through the pipeline.

The question now is what effect the producer prices information will have on tomorrow's interest rate meeting between the governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor. For the Bank, the arguments will be much the same, with the indicators of domestic demand still a cause

for mild concern.

The Bank is determined still to exclude sterling, one of the factors in the producer prices figures, from its immeliate analysis of inflationary expecations.

Mr Clarke, already fighting on several battle fronts after tainty about the date of the his poorly received Budget election meant it might be and his rearguard action on months before the market the Exchange Rate Mechanism, will presumably not want to open up any new froms by increasing interest rates again so quickly. But the governor has shown that he can be persuasive on the need for pre-emptive action.

A rise before Christmas.

lion to repay debt and fund the outside possibility, might expansion. A syndicate led well cause further wobiles on the equities markets. Although London has been

far less exuberant than New York during the latest bull market, it would be very sur-prising if last week's correction had not persuaded some fund managers to reassess whether being fully invested in equities is really sensible.

Bass challenge

Bass could have hoped for kinder treatment from Ian Lang. But if the competition rules are to mean anything, the group's attempt to leap back into number one position with a near-40 per cent share of the British beer market has to be tested by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The acquisition of Courage than boost profits. The by Scottish & Newcastle was panies must now deliver.

erously waved through. allowing the company to claim nearly a third of the beer market at the expense of

a meagre 115 pubs.

But the merger between Bass and Carlsberg-Tetley is the last big deal possible in a rapidly concentrating brew-ing industry, and should be

Admittedly the size of the total market has contracted — production is now 10 billion pluts a year against 12 billion pints in 1979. But, against that, the number of big brewing groups has reduced from seven to four since 1989.

rate manoeuvrines of recent

competitive pressure.

Consumption has been falling and prices have been squeezed by the more powerful pub groups which arose as an offshoot of the Beer Orders tie between brewers and their

Brewers have been far from immune to the buying power of the supermarkets, and imports via booze cruises have not helped. Traditional ales have been under pressure from lagers and, more recently, alcopops,

Electoral considerations aside, the market is betting Bass will get its own way—there will be job losses if the deal fails to go through albeit in smaller numbers than those which will be lost in the those which will be lost in the short term once Bass takes

So, how fortunate that Bass was last week able to trumpet the creation of 7,000 jobs in its

Cheaper calls

OBODY should miss the significance of Oftel's latest proposals for price controls on British Telethe end of the day customers

should be better of director general, is applying the same logic to the wholesale side of the BT's business as he applied to the retail side last year. He plans to remove price controls from the parts of RT business which already face full competition.

The latest proposals, part of a long consultative process that businesses which are likely to become competitive should also be freed from price caps provided prices rise no more than inflation.

The remaining 40 per cent of BT Network's revenue will be subject to the "inflation minus-X" formula. The figure for X has yet to be decided, but City sources believe that yesterday's proposals indi-cate it will be about 5.7 per

The net effect of wholesale price regime will be to force BT to reduce interconnection charges — which other opera-tors pay BT for use of its net-work — either by regulation

or by competitive pressure. The regulator will be expecting BT and rivals such as Mercury to pass on the benefits of lower interconnection prices to consumers rather

Pace of retail sales surge slows Bank staff fight

Sarah Ryle

OPES that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke will leave interest rates on England governor Eddie George tomorrow are fuelled by evidence today of a slowdown in the retail sales boom in November and a sharp fall in manufacturing prices.
The British Retail Consor-

tium's snapshot of high street activity, taken before the Christmas rush started, but-tresses Mr Clarke's view that Britain is not on the verge of a 1980s retail boom, with sales growth slowing and price rises held in check, while fac-tory input prices benefited

Industriai Correspondent

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firmed it was considering

a plan to share out excessive

profits of the privatised utili-

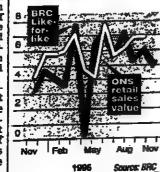
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Retail sales % annual increase in retail saids



November has also fallen, to years, according to the Office 5.3 per cent, with competitive for National Statistics.

"The rise in sterling has 5.3 per cent, with competitive pressures holding back price rises and the threat of higher interest rates making consumers cautious.

Andrew Higginson, chairman of the BRC economic affairs committee, said: "While the outlook for Christmas remains reasonable, the slowdown in November sales growth coupled with falling inflation in retail goods experienced in recent months show that we are not in boomtime conditions. Retallers supported the neutral budget stance but remain opposed to any further increase in interest rates." Factory input prices, mean-

while, fell by 3.2 per cent in

come through dramatically and rapidly, sugesting that prices remain under intense pressure," said Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Japanese bank Nikko Europe.

Sterling has appreciated by 10 per cent against a weighted basket of currencies since early August and was yester-day more than two prennigs up against the German mark at 2.5633.

Falling costs to producers helped subdue factory gate prices. The ONS said the headline rate of output price November, against 2.3 per the pound.

The rate of increase in sales, according to the BRC, fell to 4.9 per cent last month against cent the previous month. The

which is the model for The Bull in The

plans for a flotation be-

cause of the market's vola-

Friday's shares plunge also killed off a planned flo-

tation by Emblem Technology, a subsidiary of Morgan

The two companies were

expecting stock market val-

mas eve afternoon, banking union Bifu warned yesterday. They are protesting against plans by both banks to open their branches for a full day on Christmas eve - hanks have traditionally closed

ahead. The ballot result will be known on Monday.

rve a Christmas break like other workers. They



want time to join their fam-ilies and enjoy Christmas." He said that there was no evidence that customers wanted a full banking service on Christmas eve afternoon and added that the country's 21,000 cash machines would

still be operational.

Market sources said in-

vestors were now wary of putting funds into untried

equities and more casual-

ties were bound to emerge They warned that the Gov-

ernment's precarious Com-

was calm enough for a suc-

Discovery lnns — whose 270 pubs include The Old

Bull at Inkberrow, near

Worcester, the model for The Archers' local —

by Kleinwort Benson De-

velopment Capital owns

A spokesman for Morgan Crucible mid the chemicals

and components company

had postponed the flotation of its Emblem Technology

subsidiary "due to market conditions". Emblem's

96 per cent of the equity.

Martin Gray, chief execu-tive of NatWest UK, said the decision to open for a full day was in response to commer-cial realities. "We recognise this is a matter of some concern but every other bank, in-deed, every other high street retailer, will be opening their doors for business. We believe we should offer

Ed Sweeney, general secrethe same kind of service to tary of Bifu, said: "Bank staff" those many customers who require it as they go about last-minute shopping for the festive season," he said. NatWest is looking for vol-

unteers for the afternoon; they will be offered a day's COLUMN ACTION Lloyds Bank said it would offer time off in lieu to staff

who worked on Christmas eve afternoon. However, a spokesman for the bank's staff union, which represents 30,000 people, said its mem-bers have already voted in favour of industrial action. From December 18 they plan

to work strictly to contract. A Midland spokesman said a recent customer survey showed that the public was strongly in favour of a full

Zeneca and Unichem study plan for 'privatised' clinics

Lisa Buckingham

PRUGS group Zeneca yes-terday emerged alongside Unichem, the pharmacy chain, as possible bidders for a government pilot scheme of privately run health services that would be under contract to National Health Service

Zeneca, which owns Salick MPs regard as a step towards - the cancer diagnosis and privatising the health service. treatment centres in the US and manufactures a wide range of cancer drugs, said it might consider expanding the operation to the UK

Unichem, which is also a large drug distributor and is bidding for rival Lloyds Chemists, intends to experiment with the idea of "one stop" health centres which would combine general practitioners, dentists, chiropodists as well as pharmacists.

It is also understood that the network.

big supermarket groups are studying the idea of expanding their existing pharmacy businesses into more extensive

medical operations.

The changes will be facilitated next year when the Primary Care Bill becomes law. That will make it easier for organisations outside the NHS to employ doctors and dentists in a move which opposition

planning a series of pilot schemes once the legislation comes into force, and a spokesman for Unichem said the company was keen to participate. The company has not decided how much money to invest in the project nor how many centres it would

A spokesman said Unichem could benefit from better use of its distribution and retail

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In a report on the water industry, environment spokes-man Frank Dobson said Labour is looking at a new pricing rule under which util-ities such as British Telecom and British Gas, as well as water and electricity firms, would have to work to an

agreed or "normal" profit ing for some time the intro-level. This would be ou top of duction of a redistributive antithe planned one off "windfall mechanism as a long-term tax" on utilities' profits.

Labour could force utilities to share 'excessive' profits

billions, of pounds.

The report says: "Because the utility would retain a share of the excess profits, share of the excess profits and the excess profits a

measure to control utilities' profits. The proposal repre-The firms would only be allowed to enjoy bigger profits. The proposal represents if they simultaneously cut prices to consumers in a way profits. The proposal represents a half-way house between the US utility regulation system, under which a Labour estimates could save company's rate of return is customers millions, if not controlled, and the UK system

there would still be an incen-tive towards increasing effi-ciency and funds would be available for investment."

Indicate said that regu-lators "always get it wrong" now in setting pricing levels and hence "reasonable" prof-its as "the companies always Labour has been consider- make far more profits than

try regulator, criticised the Government yesterday for failing to introduce legislation to compel water companies to pay compensation to customers forced to use standpipes during droughis, unites Nicholas Bannister. The Government has, however, accepted another of Mr Byatt's proposals and ordered the companies to make a \$25 payment or credit to any customer suffering low water pressure more than once in a

■ Ian Byatt, the water indus-

anticipated

to have Christmas eve afternoon off

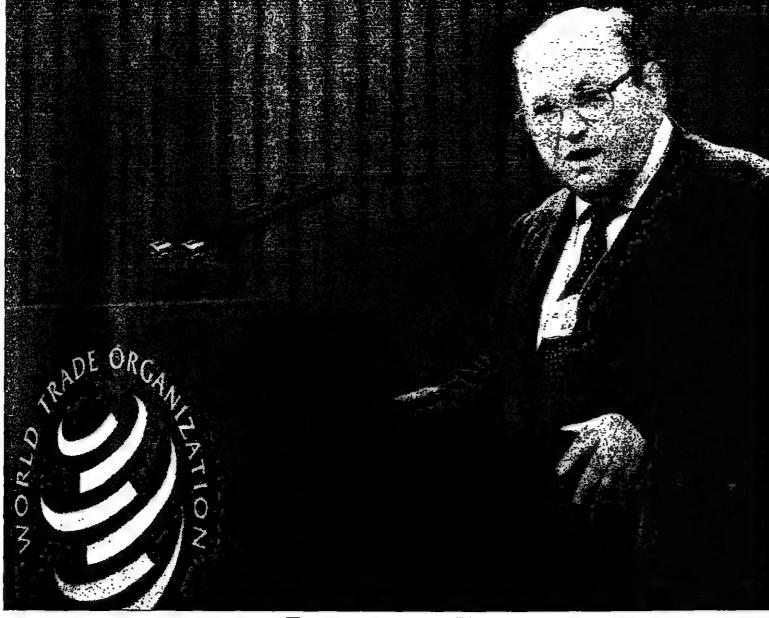
uations of around \$40 million each and dropped their Harrier aircraft missile flotation plans despite have systems.

ORE than 35,000 staff at Lloyds and NatWest may strike on Christtheir doors at midday.

Bifu is balloting the banks' employees on strike action — a simple majority is all that is needed for the strike to go

PROFILE/

'Rocky' has that vision thing. But will the WTO chief frighten the free trade laggards?



Renato Ruggiero makes his pitch at the World Trade Organisation's ministerial meeting which opened in Singapore yesterday

Trainspotter's trainspotter

Larry Elliott in Singapore and John Hooper in Rome

HE two sides of Renato Ruggiero were on show yesterday in Singapore as the director general of the World Trade Organisation opened its first ministerial meeting with a rhetorical flourish and some hard

The man with a vision and the man with a mission. Mr Ruggiero, a 66-year-old Ital-ian, has no time for those that would put obstacles in the

what trade talks are all about; water in the 21st century settling esoteric arguments an essential resource.
about the phasing-out of the "Our challenge is to

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as the WTO did yesterday — and it is about how and when matter that the European Union and the US will cross

theme in his career. A busi-nessman who has seen him in action called him a "shrewd

swords on today.

This painstaking business is not "Rocky" Ruggiero's strength, some say. He would like to be known as the man who cut the Gordian knot of world trade liberalisation, not the trainspotter's trainspotter. But Italian observers say horse-trading is a recurrent

way of a future he sees shaped by the interplay of globalias-tion and free trade.

Yet overcoming obstacles, slowly and incrementally, is

ducts — to help irrigate perched soil." WTO insiders believe this

approach — a broad sweep of history accompanied by a willingness to knock heads together — is the only one that will work to break down protectionist sentiment

The Uruguay Round of trade talks lasted for longer than the second world war and were bogged down for longer than the armies on the Western Front in the first. No one relishes another seven years of hard slog.

see a new round started by the turn of the century, with in-vestment, competition policy, and government procurement sitting beside the scheduled reopening of negotiations on services and agriculture to form the nucleus of a package.

By that time, Mr Ruggiero will have gone. His four year term ends in mid-1998 and he bigger developing countries such as India and Brazil to say no," said one source. "Rugwill not get another. But the will not get another. But the WTO makes no apologies for his up-front approach. "This is now a political organisation. The old days have ended when the farmers took to the not a natural diplomat. He is in too much of a hurry."

It's not the sole charge. In 1991, after leaving the Italian cabinet, where he served streets," said one insider Insiders say that Mr Rug-giero has tended to "jump in a bit too quickly," and then been forced to retreat. His suggestion that the free trade three premiers as trade min-ister, he took up a poet as enecutive vice-chairman of Fi-at's international advisory board. He became, in effect. agreement between North the company's roving ambas-America and the nations of the Pacific Rim (Apec) should be globalised failed to get off andor-cum-troubleshooter.
The first accusation levelled against him is that, in the ground; his support for the WTO to look at the pos-ible link between trade and labour aundards ran into the the run-up to the Gulf war and while still a minister, he

backdoor protectionism.
"What everybody has u

helped Flat press ahead with a contract for the arming of a flotilla of Iraqi warships. The unbending opposition from second is that, as a self-de-clared free-trader, he ought not to have been representing developing nations fearful of the company at a time when it was fighting tooth and nail to keep Japanese imports out of

Burope.

Both charges are flercely contested by a former aide. He said Mr Ruggiero had been ordered by more senior minis-ters to allow work on the Iraqi

refused on the grounds that it could upset the geopolitical balance in the region.

But the workaholic WTO di-rector-general is not without friends. Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commissioner res-ponsible for trade, and Ian Lang the President of the Board of Trade, yesterday publicly supported a new

round starting in 2000. And there were signs last night that the US and the EU are inching towards a limited deal on information Technol-ogy that would open up some markets to the West's powerful computer and electronics

end of the Uruguay Round -IT and the delayed agreement months after it passed on a on telecommunications — dividend payment, Club Med and show that the WTO was issued a profits warning. fulfilling its role as the policeman of world trade. If he gets China and Russia on board that too would be a coup.

But it is unlikely to be enough, and there is the real danger that his grandiose am bitions will be thwarted.

Ambitious Brussels **Tykes** on BA engineer **US buy** alliance

BA Group, the ambi-Bitious engineering group, is to buy international Airmotive, an American manufacturer of systion components, for a total £176.2 million in cash Yorkshire-based BBA,

Lau King

which earlier this year aban-doned a putative £2.4 billion bid for Lucas, said yesterday that it had signed a condi tional agreement on the deal, in which BBA will take on some 263.4 million in debt.

BBA shares rose 9½p to
354p on news of the deal,
which, subject to approval from American regulators, i

early next year. Roberto Quarta, BBA's chief executive, said Interna-tional Airmotive was an attractive opportunity. He pointed out that the company had a leading position in its

expected to be completed

In particular, Mr Quarta said, International Airmotive's focus on engineering would create "an important bridge" between BBA's exist-ing manufacturing and ser-vice activities, and improve the overall balance of the

He added: "This acquisition reflects BBA's commitment to building its aviation division as a core business. Interna-tional Airmotive and BBA's existing aviation activities together offer exciting growth prospects, both in the US and

International Airmotive's two main businesses are Dellas Alrmotive, one of the biggest turbine engine repairers, and International Turbine. which distributes parts to the aviation market.

Its main operating locations are St Louis, Charlotte, Fort Lauderdale and Pitts-

gets tough

Julie Wolf in Brussels

HE European Commis sion's anti-trust au-thorities yesterday dismissed the conditions set by the UK Government for clearance of BA's alliance with American Airlines as too weak. Trade and Industry Sec

retary lan Lang announce last week that he would not refer the alliance to the Mo nopolies and Mergers Com mission providing the two airlines sold off up to 168 weekly take-off and landing slots at Heathrow Airport. But EU officials said yes considered the number of lots stipulated as insufficient to ensure the deal did not stifle competition. It

The commission, which is investigating whether the deal is compatible with EU competition laws, had serious doubts about the operation", said one The airlines together

sald it wanted to see the slots surrendered, rather

than sold off.

hold more than 60 per cent of transatlantic traffic. But a BA spokesman said yesterday; "Our understanding is that it's the UK authorities who have the overall power in this mat-ter." BA had nevertheless

the investigation. He pointed out that agreements reached by other European airlines with US carriers had not been obliged to surrender any

promised to cooperate with

Richard Branson's Virgin Express regional air-line said yesterday it would not be bidding for Air Liberté, clearing the way for British Airways to scoop up the alling French carrier.

Tale of sun, sea, sand and sharks

OUTLOOK/The biggest shareholders in Club Med have left the holiday firm at the mercy of predators. lan King reports

brace themselves for the outcome of a Monopolies Commission inquiry into their business, they should spare a thought for Club Mediterrance, the biggest French tour operator and once a byword for

glamour.

Club Med, apert from seeing a third of its market value wiped out over the past six months, now faces the prospect of a hostile takeover bid which it seems powerless to

fight.
Club Med's plight stems from a decision by its five big-gest shareholders to end a six-year-old pact that stopped any of them from lifting their stake to more than 13 per

Under the agreement, which ended on Friday night, the five — Japanese instrance group Nippon Lite, ance group Nippon Lite, ance group Nippon Life, Saudi investment group Rolaco, state-run Caisse des Dépois, French investment company Compagnie Financière Benjamin et Edmond de Rothschild, and Exor, the investment company owned by Fiat's Agnelli family — were also obliged to give each other first option if they were to bell.

Now the pact has ended,

Now the pact has ended, Club Med is no longer bid proof and its shares jumped sharply on the Paris bourse yesterday in response.

Apart from the five, Accor, the world's biggest hotelier which has a small stake in Club Med, was immediately made favourite to bid, almade favourite to bid, although Airtours, Britain's second-biggest tour operator, was also tipped by some. Gra-nada, the biggest hotelier in the UK, has already ruled out

making a move.

Not everyone is convinced that the five have ended their pact simply so that one of them can bid for Club Med. Some analysts claim the move was instead an attempt to deliver a kick to the company's

Their frustration is understandable. At the end of Octo-It would be a success for Mr Ruggiero if he could complete launched a hugely discounted the unfinished business at the Fr880 million (£102 million) rights issue and only 18 Weak holiday spending and France's high unemployment rate were held to blame.

It was all the more unwelcome because a month earlier chairman Serge Trigano — whose father Gilbert founded the company in the 1950s said the group was on course to hit its profit target for the year and that the number of customers buying package holidays was growing. It later transpired he meant packages at the bargain-basement end of the market.

To be fair to Club Med, not all its problems have been of its own making, it can hardly be blamed for the rocket attack launched last year by Hizbollah guerillas on one of

HILE Britain's Israel or for the boycott of its tour operators Asian resorts by Australian Asian resorts by Australian and Japanese tourists in retaliation for French nuclear testing in the Pacific. Club Med traditional cus-tomers have aged and it has

been forced to try to sell itself to a younger market at a time when it has been cutting costs and when other operators -like the heteros-only Sandals resorts in the Caribbean -have taken its ideas and used

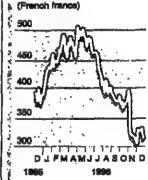
have taken its ideas and used them more successfully.
Olivier Rigaudy, Club Med's finance director, insisted yesterday that the end of the pact did not mean a bid was on the way. According to him, the shareholders merely want more flexibility although he admits the group though he admits the group needs to improve its

performance.

He added: "Technically it is possible there will be a bid, but I am not expecting one, and am fed up with having to talk about it."

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Nigel Reed, an analyst at broker Paribas, said he be now be running the rule over Club Med. "I expect that most people will be having a look at it. One of the five are possibilities but I wouldn't rule Airtours out."

Bidding for Club Med will not be easy. Aside from a likely \$600 million knock-out price - perhaps too much for Airtours — 35 per cent of the voting rights in the group are controlled by the five who were in the pact and the Ag-nellia, in particular, could prove hard to shake off

Against that, Club Med still has an excellent brand name. despite all its problems. In a high-growth industry like tourism that, along with the unpopularity of Club Med's Hizbollah guerillas on one of management, makes a bid in-its holiday villages in north evitable at some point.

News in brief

BCCI creditors will get first payout

LIQUIDATORS of BCCI will give creditors 24.5 cents in the dollar on the debt in a \$1.35 billion (2820 million) payout today. It will be the first payout for the creditors since the Bank of Twill be the first payout for the creditors since the Bank of Credit and Commerce International was shut five years ago, with debts of more than \$10 billion, by regulators who said it was used by drug dealers and Third World dictators for laundering money. Liquidators from Deloitte and Touche hope within 16 months to make another payment giving 30,000 creditors another 10 cents in the dollar. They say they might get more money from lawsuits filed against the Bank of England, which is accused of lay supervision and the securities. which is accused of lax supervision, and the accounting firms Ernst and Young and Price Waterhouse.

The ruling family of Abu Dhabi, the largest BCCI share-bolder, has agreed to pay \$1.8 billion. The liquidators say they have recovered about \$4 billion, compared with the liabilities of \$10.5 billion owed when it collapsed.—AP

Council backs down

WELWYN Harfield council has withdraw ... appeal against a WELWYN Hamein council has windrant he appeal against a judgment forcing it to pay 249 million in damages to Slough Estates, the property group headed by Sir Nigel Mobbs. The High Court had accepted Slough's claim that it had gone ahead with its Howard shopping centre in Welwyn Garden City only after being told that a shopping centre in nearby Hatfield would not be compating directly. The value of the centre, which cost Slough competing directly. The value of the centre, which cost Slough 277 million, fell by £49 million after the council relaxed its rules for the Hatfield centre without telling Slough. — lan King

Pearson deal to go ahead

MEDIA and entertainments group Pearson is taking a 50 per cent stake in South African business publications Business Day and Financial Mail. The £11.5 million acquisition, including an investment in the African Business Channel, came despite fears of 8 legal challenge from a rival South African publisher. Pearson's other business titles include the Financial Times, 50 per cent of the Economist, and Les Echos in France. — Lisa Buckingham

Border reaches to Sunderland

BORDER Television said it is in talks with Minster Sound Radio about buying 100 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital of Sunderland City Radio Ltd. Minster Sound is about 30 per cent owned by commercial radio operator GWR Group, Radio Investments Lin also owns a similar amount. — Reuter



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American Football

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Mark Tran in New York

HE Denver Broncos without John Elway at quarterback are a bit like a party without a drink. But a 41-6 rout at the hands of the Green Bay Packers was a more sobering experience than they had bargained for. The Broncos have emerged

as the pride of the American Football Conference with a powerful running game to back up the strong arm of El-way. They arrived at a freez-ing Lambeau Field having already clinched their division and home-field advantage through the play-offs, and as the team most likely to snap a 12-year losing streak in the Super Bowl for the AFC. But they faced the slight problem of the Green Bay Packers, the most likely contenders from the Mexicant Conference the National Conference.

With this emphatic win, the Packers clinched a second consecutive NFC Central title and took a step closer to home-field advantage in the play-offs. The Packers have won 14 in a row at home.

The Pack started slowly as

Brett Favre spent much of the half collecting his senses after being knocked silly in Green Bay's first possession. Then Favre hit his stride and began the deluge just before the half with a 73-yard drive that consumed only 34 seconds. It ended with Favre sidestepping a Bronco defender and hurling a 14-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman to give Green Bay a 13–3 lead. Favre went on to throw four TD passes, including a 51-yarder to Freeman, a one-



While the Packers bolstered their Super Bowl credentials, the San Francisco 49ers faltered at home against their divisional rivals, the Carolina Panthers, who beat them 30-24.

arm. The quarterback's two season. "They played like the interceptions paled in team with tradition. We came to comparison. Under the San Diego Chargers 16-13 and kept their unbeaten record at Three Rivers Stadium.

The Super Bowl champions the Dallas Cowboys, returned to the top of the NFC East with a 10-6 win in Arizona as Michael Irvin caught a 50yarder to Keith Jackson, the tight-end, and a 25-yarder yet feated the 49ers twice this campaign and are play-off-with a cast on a broken fore-

Sean Salisbury, who was replacing the injured Stan Humphries at quarterback for the Chargers, was sacked five times. Mike Tomczak threw to Andre Hastings for an 11-yard touchdown and Norm John-

Dead jockey's parents plead for safer tracks

Chris Hawkins

HE family of Richard Davis last night called for an overhaul of racecourse safety standards as an inquest returned a verdict of accidental death on the 26-year-old jockey, who was crushed when Mr Sox fell on top of him after a bad fall at South-

well on July 19.

The nine-man jury at the Coroner's Court in Mansfield heard that Davis died due to heavy internal bleeding as a result of a torn liver and lacerated main vein.

Davis's parents John and Ann, it emerged that South-well racecourse had breached medical guidelines. There was also criticism of the course doctor who had not realised the terrible extent of the jockey's injuries. "We just hope that Richard hasn't died in vain and that

Paul Balen, the solicitor representing the family, said: "The evidence has shown that the course doctor underesti-

improvements will be made,"

said Mrs Davis after the

outcome was inevitable. The appropriate course to follow now is that there should be a general inquiry into the safety of racecourses as there have been in other sports where there have been similar accidents."

Davis was riding Mr Soz, trained by Laura Shally, in the two-mile Fisherton Novices Chase when his mount fell at the first fence. He is the fourth jump jockey to be killed in the last 21 years. There was a delay on the

track after the fall and it took 39 minutes before Davis was transferred from the course ambulance to a county ambu lance which took him to hos-pital in Nottingham.

course doctor, commented:
"At first I felt Davis was not
very ill. He was unconscious
for five minutes but revived. "There were no signs of thoracic, pelvic or lung borne injuries and as far as I was concerned his condition at the time did not warrant him

being taken to hospital."
The Jockey Club report into the circumstances of the incident is critical of the South-well medical arrangements the course doctor underestimated the injuries to Richard.
But the family already accept that whatever went wrong the



Davis ... fatal injuries

Ambulink, whose staff were not NHS trained and therefore not qualified to carry out certain procedures without the supervision of a doctor.

It was similar concerns that It was similar concerns that led to Dr Michael Turner, the Jockey Club's chief medical adviser, to offer his resigna-tion, after which the Jockey Club agreed to hold a formal inspection of safety arrange-ments at Southwell. Dr Turner then remained in his

be taken by the Jockey Club has yet to be decided, but it looks a strong possibility. The inquiry dismisses sub-sequent claims that Mr Sox

was unfit to run. There were accusations from some quar-ters that Mr Sox had a fractured pelvis but the report states that "the veterinary surgeon who attended the horse earlier in the summer has confirmed that his examinations showed no evidence of any pelvic fracture" and that "neither the Jockey Club veterinary officer nor the racecourse veterinary sur-geon on duty at Southwell no-ticed any obvious sign of lameness in the paddock or

on the way to the start." The inquiry also states sat-isfaction that Mr Sox's trainer Laura Shally's "train-ing facilities met the licensing requirements for a Permit Trainer" and "that the condition of the racecourse on July 19 did not contribute to the

Luke Harvey, who rode in the race, was called to give evidence and said that Davis had not been able to school

Mr Sox.
"Richard went up to Laura Shally's stable but there was nowhere to school over fences whether disciplinary so he ended up giving the action against Southwell will horse a gallop," said Harvey.

Jukes rubs Forster up the wrong way

AMIE JUKES, the former champion point-to-point rider, will not be receiving a Christmas card from trainer Tim Forster,

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ban (starting December 18) after taking the wrong course on the Forstertrained Bironi, backed down to 4-5 for the HRH Prince Of Wales Chase.

Jukes had negotiated just one fence of the three-mile nor will he riding over the holiday period after his costly mistake at Ludiow yesterday.

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3.10 Looch Talk

He was handed a 10-day | stand and took the hurdle | course. Realising his error, Jukes

turned round and made after his four rivals, despite toiling more than a fence in arrears. After much hard work from his embarrassed rider, Bironi had pro-gressed to the tail of the field, just 10 lengths off the

place when Jukes's day of days was completed by Bir-oni falling at the final

fence, with the race going to Opal's Tenspot. "I would take his licence away for six months," seethed Forster. "An experienced man like him who has ridden round here hun-

Huntingdon runners and riders with form guide

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Moonax debut

OONAX, the 1994 St Leger winner and 16-1 with Ladbrokes for the Champion Hurdle next March, makes his debut over jumps in the novice hurdle event at Hun-



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Soccer

Hauge associate conducts Halle's move to Leeds

EORGE GRAHAM's decision to make the Oldham Athletic defender Gunnar Halle his first signing since assuming control at Leeds United

is expected to put the finishing touches to his £400,000 move to the Yorkshire club Danish agent Frank Mattiesen, a friend and long-time as-sociate of the middleman

Many licensed agents operating within the European transfer market are known to hold reservations about the

land Road, the International
Association of Football
Agents will ask the world governing body Fifa to study the
transfer. Halle joined Oldbam
from Lillestrom for a nominal
fee flux years are in a deal fee five years ago in a deal arranged by Hauge. Graham was banished from

football for his part in the in-famous "bungs" scandal which saw him accept per-sonal payments after buying players represented by Hauge.

Hauge is currently barred from arranging any transfer deals after his licence was revoked in the wake of Fifa's examination of his business activities. Mattiesen, though, is an officially licensed and registered agent, having lodged the required £100,000 bond with Fifa this year.

Graham made his surprise move for Halle yesterday Hauge. mer England international only want players who want Indeed, it is probable that centre-back John Scales had to play for the club."

when Halle has completed the | decided to join Tottenham formalities of his move to El- Hotspur and not Leeds.

The manager said yester-day: "I'm pleased to have captured my first signing, particularly one so experienced. I've been keen on him for some time. He'll be a very useful addition to our squad." The man Graham replaced as manager at Leeds, Howard

Wilkinson, had also made moves to sign Halle back in September shortly before he was dismissed. Halle has won 52 caps for Norway and can play either as a full-back or midfielder.

Scales was preparing for his first training session with Tottenham today and may make his debut at Leeds on Saturday if he recovers from a niggling groin injury. The £2.7 million defender said: "It could be a tricky weekend but

I am prepared for that."

Graham did not appear to bear any grudges. "The boy has made his choice and that is the end of the matter. We

Two-point penalty puts Brighton deeper into crisis

esterday when the Football League docked them two points and ordered them to pay the cost of the hearing into two pitch invasions during the game against Lincoln on October I. The managerless south coast club already had a Arsenal are poised to sign at Windsuspended sentence of a "a partnership with Cannes ary 11.

brewer Bass, an extension of

the present agreement which

increase on the current four-

year deal, which was for £12 million. The competition

will still be known as the FA

with several other companies

and there could have been

Premier League's chief execu-

tive. "But the clubs wanted

continuity. It has been an ex-

cellent partnership and the

clubs were unanimous in vot-

Rugby League

ANDY GREGORY's stock, already high rose again yesterday when he was ap-

pointed coach to the Great

Britain side for the Super League World Nines tourna-

The 35-year-old former Wican and Great Britain

scrum-half has achieved im-

pressive results as Salford

Reds' coach after taking over

from the Australian Garry Jack in March 1995.

tenary season title and then

League when they again won

the First Division title in

four English head coaches in

Super League next season — the others are Andy Goodway

(Oldham), John Joyner (Castleford) and Phil Larder

pointment may represent a first step on his way to the full Great Britain job.

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Gregory will be one of only

August.

He took Salford to the Cen-

Gregory granted a chance to

make Nines his lucky number

ing for its extension."

Paul Fitzpatrick

We were in discussion

It represents a 200-per-cent

expires next summer.

Carling Premiership.

cerned, the commission felt it had no option but to activate part of the suspended sentence," said the FA chief

talent spotting", their man-ager Arsène Wenger said yesterday. Several talented players have emerged from the French first division side, including the High-bury midfielder Patrick

Botham the motivator flies out

Paul Weaver hears the new technical adviser talk about his role in Zimbabwe

T TOOK place, appropriately, in the Winston churchill Suite and in English cricket's darkest now retired, who blocked his hour, between the humilia-tion by Mashonaland and today's perils posed by

(atabeleland. Ian Botham, England's new bowling coach, addressed the nation last night before jet-ting off to Zimbabwe to try to save a nation's honour. He took a 9.00pm flight from Gat-wick but one sensed a grey have done the job just as well. This was Batman from Botham City, as Peter Tinnis-wood would have it.

rood would have it.

Results had been bad, he tearing into them in print and

chance of becoming involved a year ago. "For the first time David Lloyd and Mike Atherton can work properly together. That was not the situation when we had a very hands-on chairman. "Really, not a lot has

changed; I have had a chat with one or two lads in the past and it's worked out well. there with Sky Television."
But hadn't Geoff Boycott famously, had a problem

criticise players on televi-sion. After all, no player gets out deliberately." He is not particularly wor ried by the early results. "The

same thing happened in our warm-up matches when we went to Australia 10 years ago, and it turned out to be one of the most successful tours in history. It takes time to bed down and adjust. The pitches out there are more spongy and springy than the lads will be used to. And slip catching can also be a

'Tll have a chat with Athers bit low and need picking up. I might take them fishing on a day off, or even fit in a bit of golf." No change there, then. He will be taking a few days

If Botham's cricket was the stuff of fiction, his off-field ac-tivities belonged to the horror genre. His involvement could

a circus. He also has a point to prove; in 11 Tests as England captain he failed to win. If his role takes off, next season may be interesting — particularly if Graham Gooch is appointed chairman of the selectors in March. The pair do not exactly see eye to eye in the matter of match preparation. In his autobiography Gooch said: "lan Botham's suit and black cape would Principally I'm going out that one or two players are a the same day you go out."

And, later, Gooch recalls the time Botham, as England captain, attempted to put an end to Gooch's dawn runs

it's never been my style to pare for next week's first being the life and soul of the criticise players on televi. Test against Zimbabwe. party. I've no gripes about that. But giving me that tick-ing off for running so much in the mornings that I was too tired to socialise in the eveturn things into something of | nings, well, it was laughable. "A serious point thrown up by that incident, however, is that, as captain, Ian's lifestyle

did not sit easily with setting

an example to his players." Last night Botham was typically blunt on the issue. "I don't think we really need a chairman of selectors. David Lloyd and the captain have that job. At the end of the day it is the captain who It could be an epic contest between the hell-raiser Botham and dawn-riser Gooch. The only problem then

for a confused young England "Don't get me wrong. I'm cricketer will be to get back to conceded. "It's a good job on TV? "I don't think that off on arrival but will join up not complaining about Ian the hotel before Gooch starts we're not playing the Eski- will apply in my case because with the team in time to pre- having a few drinks and plodding the streets. with the team in time to pre- having a few drinks and plodding the streets.

County battling for Symonds | SA learn that if anyone can in Kanpur, Kumble can

CLOUCESTERSHIRE are plained: "As I see it, and as the Test and County Cricket promising young batsman Board sees it, it will break his Andrew Symonds to reject an qualification to play for us as invitation to play for Austra-lia A against West Indies in an English-based player."

When West Indies play a
Prime Minister's XI tomor-Melbourne on Friday.

If the England-born Austra-lia-bred 21-year-old plays for the A team, it would effectively end his career at the county and possibly make him ineligible to play for Eng-land. Gloucestershire's chief system and playing for executive Philip August ex-

row Courtney Walsh, the Gloucestershire captain, will talk to Symonds with the aim, said August, of "explaining the benefits of staying within the English county

on a Kanpur pitch already taking spin as South Africa were dismissed for 177 yes-terday in the third and de-

ciding Test.
With the medium-pacer
Javagal Srinath also explotting the uneven bounce with three for 42. India led despite their own collapse at the hands of Paul Adams. South Africa's unortho-

NDIA's leg-spinner Anil dox left-arm wrist spinner after Surrey's fast bowler Kumble took four for 71 finished with six for 55, the on a Kanpur pitch already best figures of his five-Test the home innings for 256 career, as India went from 204 for six overnight to 237

all out. Later Fanie de Villiers leave India seven for one. In Faisalabad, the Eng-land Under-19 batsmen ceded the advantage to

for figures of four for 79 off 22 overs.

But a promising England reply, bolstered by a third-wicket stand of 92 between trapped Woorkeri Raman wicket stand of 92 between lbw before the close to David Sales (45) and the captain Andrew Flintoff (52), slipped from 192 for four to 230 all out, a firstinnings deficit of 26, de-Pakistan on the second day spite a bold 47 off 51 balls of the opening Youth Test

Sport in brief

Ziesche and Doug McCarthy gave Cardiff a two-goal cush-ion, and they needed it when Tommy Plommer scored a hotly disputed third for the vis-itors five minutes from time. first time since 1978 — when a leaky roof deposited Man-The argument centred on chester rain on to the table during a World Championship quarter-final in which Alex Higgins beat Fred Davis.

culminated in a place in the tunes on returning to Super-

> Cairns. That event's winner. Chris Walker complete the home contingent for the final, probably in London in March.

champion, Annemari Sandell of Finland, will run in the

County Durham International on December 28, which has drawn its best women's field ever, writes Duncan Mackay. It includes Kenya's world silver medallist Rose Cheruiyot and Ireland's former European champion Catherina McKiernan

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Rugby Union

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Soccer

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Toby Scheckter, the 18-year-old son of South Africa's former Formula One world champion Jody, will drive in next season's Formula Vaux-

Tour with £568,000. The Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek had knee

BELUS SCOT

may reopen old wounds. The 31-year-old Norwegian

Rune Hauge.

It was Graham's dealings with Hauge during his managership of Arsenal that led to his dismissal by the London club and a 12-month ban from pootball

nature of Mattlesen's current business relationship with learning that Liverpool's for-

PRIGHTON were left 11 three-point fine and a one-tom of the Third Division ing over them after protests

at the sale of the Goldstone Ground last April.
"Sadly as far as I am con-

Northern Ireland are to

play Belgium in a friendly at Windsor Park on Febru-

Premier League lands £36m

has to remain confidential between ourselves and the Pre-It was also announced that a committee has been set up starting." Parry, whose intention to leave the £200,000-a-year post was announced last week, to find a successor for Parry, who brokered the recent £800 million BSkyB television

Freddie Fletcher and a yet-to-

The Salford chairman John

Wilkinson will be Great Brit

HE Premier League yes | sponsorship for Bass, refused | body in the close season or terday announced a to discuss whether the interfeven before if we can, but four year £36 million | est of other companies had | there is still a lot of thinking helped inflate the fee. "That

> deal but joins Liverpool as executive director next summer. The committee will consist of the Premier League's pon-executive chairman Sir John Quinton, Tottenham's chairman Alan Sugar, West Ham's

Terry Brown, Everton's Philip Carter, Newcastle's

to be done on the subject, said Sir John. "There have already been one or two quiet and informal applications but

was yesterday told by the club chairmen that he could work out the full six months of his "I am delighted it is going said Parry. "I have been in-

volved in the Premier League from the start and want to see it go from strength to g for its extension." be-named club chairman.

Jonathan Nye, the head of "We want to appoint some-

> Yewchuk sets Cardiff on way back to top

Bass bid referred, page 11

ice Hockey

Vic Batcheider

ain's manager for the trip to Townsville, where 12 national sides will compete for the Nines title from January 31 to WO goals from Marty Yew-chuk ensured the Cardiff February 2. It is not ideal timing for Devils returned to the top of the Superleague as they beat the Sheffield Steelers 4-3 and European clubs because they join the Silk Cut Challenge Cup the following weekend. But it was agreed last week put the visitors into second

place.
Yewchuk, who last month that no club would be expected to supply more than forced the league to back down by threatening legal action when be was banned until the one player to the British team. Wigan, meanwhile, say they will do everything they can to keep Jason Robinson, their Great Britain winger end of the year for a violent incident earlier in the season, opened the scoring after two minutes of Sunday's game.
And although goals from Scott Nell and Ron Shudra put the Steelers 2-1 up by the 30th minute. Yewchuk levelled who is guesting for Bath, when his contract expires in four minutes later.
In the third period Stefan

Bath are reported to be willing to pay £300,000 to buy out Robinson's contract. The complication is that the player, due to rejoin Wigan on January 11, has signed a contract with the Australian Rugby League. Jack Robinson, Wigan's chairman, says his club are working on a "substantial" financial package to keep the 22-year-old.

six months.

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The Guardian CINTERACTIVE

Snooker . Icy fingers halted play for more than two hours in the German Open yesterday when the heating system failed at the venue, the British military hase at Osna-brück, writes Clive Everton. Mark Williams was halfway to his 5-2 win over Ken Doherty on the first day of the world-ranking event's 16-man final phase when weather stopped a tournament for the

whether the puck crossed the goal-line, and several Cardiff players remonstrated with the goal-judge positioned behind the plexigless barrier. Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup finalists, the Not-tingham Panthers and Ayr Scottish Ragies, had mixed for-Squash league action.
The Panthers paraded the

trophy before easily beating Basingstoke 6-1, Marty Dallman scoring twice. But the game was watched by the low-est crowd at a Nottingham league game for years; barely 2,100 of the 3,000 seats were occupied, said an Ice Stadium sman, although the club claimed 2,638 were present. Ayr were 5-2 down after 88 minutes of their game with lowly Bracknell. Eleven minutes later, however, Mark

Woolf, Vince Boe, with his second of the match, and Scott Young had tied it at 5-5. Jamie Steer then netted for Ayr at 52.06 but Wayde Bucsis's second equalised for the visitors and sent the game into

Simon Parke's comeback ifter testicular cancer has

writes Richard Jogo. Another surprise qualifier is the other English semi-finalist in last week's Mahindra International, Mark

Athletics

The European cross-country

TOUR MATCH: Cardill 7, 5 Africa A 40.

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Rugby Union TOUR MATCHES: England A v Argentina (Northampton): Richmond v Western Samoa; Scotland Dev XV v Outenaland

hall Junior Championship for Team JLR. • Tim Henman's lucrative Grand Slam Cup run has lifted him into the season's top 20 earners on the ATP

surgery yesterday and may be out for 10 weeks. FINAL ATP 1996 MONEY LISTs 1, B Bocker (Ger) 22.675m; 2, P Sampras (US) 22.469m; 3, Y Kaleinikov (Rus) 12.242m, 4, G Ivanisevic (Gra) 12.005m; 5, T Mustor (Aut) C1.917m; 6, M Chang (US) 17.344m Bettimbs 13, T Honman 1568,821.



Boxer Shorts snatch it from Y Fronts

John Major they were struggling losers at the Oxford trials yesterday, goets by three-quarters of a length over the Putney-to-

tho is in charge at Oxford or six months after belying

stroked by the Olympic medallist Tim Foster, aged pian Roberto Blanda, 26, in the No. 7 seat. The president Ed Bellamy moved up to No. 6 when Charlie Humphreys went sick. The Blue ead lasted as far as Harrods

Stroked by the 19-year-old Nick Robinson, they drew level, saw their opponents the part, wearing their underwear on top of their outer, but like Steve Bell's Major they were giling losers at the dirials vesterday. go.

Robinson kept a cool head against Foster's him down. His back four Croatian Olympic parsman summer, in the No. 5 seat.
Oxford will certainly

oarsmen from whom to pick an eight. Cambridge's trial is on Thursday.

Rugby Union

Robert Armstrong on a surprise back division to tackle Argentina at Twickenham

Guscott wings in for England

HE England coach Jack Rowell has sprung two selection surprises in the back division for Saturday's inter-national against Argentina at Twickenham. Jeremy Guscott, been recalled on the left wing and a new cap, Nick Beal of Northampton, has been cho-sen at full-back shead of Bath's Jonathan Callard, who will be on the beach.

Both changes were forced on Rowell by concussive injuries to Adedayo Adebayo and Tim Stimpson, who won their first caps in last month's New Zealand Barbarians. There is no place in the match squad for Tony Underwood or Victor Ubogu, who were added last week to the 21 players involved in the 34-19 de-feat by the Barbarians. Rowell defended his deci-

sion to retain the midfield partnership of Will Carling and Phil de Glanville, the captain, whose international form has been criticised by a number of Courage league coaches indeed the England coach hinted strongly that he would have selected an unchanged side had injuries not compelled him to rethink his

line-up.
The 31-year-old Guscott, who has shown coruscating club form this season, is preferred to the younger Under-wood, a specialist wing who has not played an international match for the past 18 months. "It took a while to sink in when Jack told me, admitted Guscott, who said he remembered once playing on the wing in a friendly against Aberavon. "I never thought I'd play for England on i'm wing but in the modern cra many three-quarters play in different positions at different

stages of their career.
"I hope to have an enjoyable afternoon and if I come out well it gives Jack another option. It feels a bit strange, but it's going to be the norm. out it's going to be the norm to be adaptable over the next few years. We had never talked about me playing on the wing, though it crossed my mind that I might be acked to play at fill-heak."

asked to play at full-back."
Those who insist Guscott must at some stage be restored to the England mid-field will complain that



Five Nations games. Cer-tainly the pressure on de Glanville to justify his place in the Argentina game will be that much greater with his Bath team-mate at his

Test recognition for the 26year-old Beal, a versatile talent who has played for Northampton in every back position except scrum-half, comes after numerous A international appearances in the next three years England the past three years. England will name a replacement ful-back for Beal today for tonight's A-team match against the Argentinians at Northampton.

The first 15 and the first 11 . . . Nick Beal makes an England debut at full-back and Jeremy Guscott plays on the left wing

with one specialist position for club or country. But clearly Rowell finds his foot-balling skills irresistible.

Rowell's reluctance to chop and change a side that is tentatively developing a more in-teractive style of play means teractive style of play means that Mike Catt, who has won 16 caps at full-back, stays put in his preferred position of fly-half. Callard, who has five caps, may consider himself unfortunate to miss out again after a series of splendid games for Bath. A place on the bench, though, represents

own adaptability because he to "give him a chance to get has not been wholly identified his feet under the table". The with one specialist position coach explained: "The captaincy is a challenging job and the squad is in good heart after a cracking performance against New Zealand. One of de Glanville's major jobs is to take the style we want on to the field, and he is a leader in

that respect
"Last year I was under a lot
of pressure to drop Carling
and bring de Glauville in.
Now it is suggested that I drop de Glanville in favour of someone else. However, I don't see any young Guscotts or young Carlings around at the moment ready to step in. De Glanville is still there as

The temptation to rejig the back row, an idea proposed recently by the New Zealand coach John Hart, has also been resisted even though the experienced No. 8 Ben Clarke is available on the bench. "We thought about trying out Chris Sheasby as an open-side last season but he was 29 and we thought he might have an awful lot to learn in order to play there," said Rowell.

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The 115th University Match: Oxford v Cambridge

Shadow of tragedy unites old rivals

lan Malin on a game made more poignant | Australians here, Marty and Nick, have been able to articby the recent death of Oxford's Ian Tucker

the dressing room before the University Match of 1990. The fraught, Oxford's Irish cap-tain Mark Egan had decided Brian Smith and Troy Coker, and the in-lighting had had echoes of the "True Blue" rowing intrigue three years

Many tears have again been shed in the past six weeks, and emotions will be raw in the Oxford dressing room at 1.45pm today; and on the pitch too, where there will be a minute's silence for another missing Australian.

Ian Tucker's death from head injuries on October 27 after the centre had made a tackle during a game at Sara cens the previous day has overshadowed the game. It was the first fatality in Oxford's history, the first in the first-class game in the modern era, and all the more modern era, and all the more poignant, perhaps, for the fact that the 23-year-old econom-ics graduate from Sydney University would have been one of five players from the same Sydney school in this

There will be no Oxford No. 12 today in memory of Tucker, and much public ympathy has understandsympathy has understand-ably been with the Dark Blues. But Cambridge's No. 12 too has been deeply affected. Nick Hill, who is reading eco-nomics at St Edmund's, would have been playing op-posite his old friend.

ogether and wept in with me. He was so determined in everything he did that a lot of people will find something positive to take from his death. I certainly

The Cambridge blind-side lanker Marty Hyde and Oxford's full-back Richard the end it was like getting Maher and lock Tim Eisenback on the horse after falling hauer are other former pupils of St Ignatius College.

Eisenhauer, a 24-year-old studying for a diploma in social studies at St Anne's, recalled his final year at St Ignatius when Tucker played at fly-half. "I was Ian's captain in our final year and his

memory will be a driving force for me," he said.

Tony Rogers, the Cambridge coach, said: "The two universities are very close in many very upset about lan's death. It has helped us that the two

osite his old friend. Hill said: "I won't be think. Tucker . . minute's silence | porters will wish their opponents well today.

"They will both have their own thoughts during the min-

way that Ian would have." The tragedy has helped bind the Oxford team together. "It was difficult playing the Stanley's game four days after Ian died In off," said Steve Hill, Oxford's director of rugby. "By the time we had played two or three games things had got easier, and we've been in close contact with Ian's family, who have been to our

Hill has been so impressed with his Australian contingent that he has been in talks with two of the Wallabies squad who finished their Brit-ish tour last weekend in the hope of them exchanging the gold-and-green jersey for dark blue next season. Where Smith and Coker had been a disruptive influence, Maher, Eisenhauer — and Tucker himself — have been as popular off the pitch as they are

competitive on it.
The University Match of 1990 was won by Oxford against all the odds; Cambridge, who included the future England internationals Chris Sheasby and Tony Underwood, had been overwhelming favourites. After an emotional 21-12 victory Egan, outstanding throughout the game, said that the Oxford rugby club was a happy place once more. It is to be hoped it will be again soon. Even the

progress of a sort. Not unreasonably, Rowell responded to recent criticism of de Glanville with a request Rowell has merely deferred a tough decision until February when England begin their bly suffered as a result of his AMBRIDGE may be | hammering at Leicester 10 favourites to win the Bowring Bowl for the third successive year today but the Light Blues know the ascendancy by the Wales plug in Pontypridd power pack

David Plummer

ONTYPRIDD's consistent success this decade has finally been recognised by the Wales selectors, who have revamped their pack for Sunday's international against South Africa in Cardiff after an ineffective display against Australia last

The Pontypridd back-row forward Dale McIntosh and the lock Mark Rowley, both winning their first caps, are two of three changes at forward, with the Swansea his first full appearance for his country after coming on a substitute against Australia.

Jones, whose international career has been like a yo-yo. At 31, and eight years after he was last in the Wales squad, Rowley felt his chance had gone; and it was only six weeks ago that he was told he had centicamie in his lag. He had septicemia in his leg. He was told that if the problem had not been discovered in time he might not have lived.

Rowley replaces Derwyn

McIntosh replaces a fellow New Zealander, Hemi Taylor, who injured his ribs against Australia. The 26-year-old McIntosh left King Country eight years ago for Ponty-pridd, settled in the area and filrted with Scotland after dis-

Wales, only to be hit by the three-year residential rule adopted by the International Rugby Board at the end of 1993. He became qualified to play for Weles lest week play for Wales last week. He made his mark for Pont-

ypridd in the European Cup against Bath last month with a series of crunching tackles and the Wales coach Kevin Bowring hopes he will add some much-needed steel to the back row. "Dale has a physical presence as a ball carrier and tackler," he said.

The centre Gareth Thomas will play despite suffering a damaged palate in Bridgend's defeat at Pontypridd on Saturday, and the No. 3 Steve Williams is expected to recover

from a dead leg.
The changes to the pack reflect the uncertainty around the selectors' table but McIntosh believes he has The fourth change from the answer to their problems.

Australia is at full-back, "Wales need a spirit like we have at Pontypridd, where we the injured Wayne Proctor."

He was capped at A level by the Scots but wearled of the travelling and opted for Davies retains his place and than two years, and Wales have to turn the Arms Park into a fortress again."

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Cambridge have pedigree but are wary of underdogs

how notoriously fickle this 125-year-old fixture can be,

A front five with more bell-winning potential than Oxford, at the heart of which is the ferocious Australian hooker Tom Murphy, and a feisty win over a slightly jet-lagged Queens-land a month ago suggest Cambridge will win today. But Tony Rogers, the Cambridge coach for 17 years, was playing down their chances yesterday. "The favourites tag is ridiculous. The game is a one-off and you just can't go by

form. In 1970 we were massive favourites; we had six internationals, including Gerald Davies, were in great form and Oxford were shambles. Then we got to

mountains in Grenoble where they beat the French Today's game is the first this season in which Cam-

bridge have fielded a fullstrength side. "We've had a quite horrific time with injuries," said Rogers. "And it's not just because we're playing bigger, physical sides this season. Even in our pre-season tour to Portugal we had four players injured. But we've managed to find plenty of cotton wool to wrap the team in for the last few days." Oxford's new director of

coaching Steve Hill promises a few surprises. Much will depend on the half-backs Niall Hogan, until recently the Ireland cap-tain, and the fly-half and Twickenham and they kicker James Averis, a panned us 14-3." kicker James Averis, a promising all-round And Cambridge's 87-5 Gloucestershire cricketer.

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an union . . . Forest's Wales international Saunders involved in an arms deal with Newcastle's Prenchman Ginola at the City Ground last night 🛚 PHOTOGRAPH: GRAHAM CHADWICK

Premiership: Nottingham Forest 0, Newcastle United 0

OTH Nottingham Forest and New-castle United be-lied their respec-tive league positions in a game at the City Ground last night which was notable for little except scrappy movement and missed opportunities. Forest, game, played above them-selves, Newcastle, hoping to go second, again struggled to find form in what was to become their first goalless draw since April 1995.

miership pick-me-up. In the seven weeks since they beat Manchester United 5-0 their league form had become something of an anticlimax only one win in five games the bottom team before the and 10 points dropped.

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With Batty suspended and Asprilla injured they were always going to have to impro-vise to some extent, although Ferdinand, recovered from a fractured cheekbone, was back in the attack after missing five matches. Not that the opposition appeared likely to give them much of an argu-

ment either way.
Off the pitch Forest continue to be the subject of takeover discussions, on it their chances of survival in the Premiership are becoming of more interest to undertakers. They had suffered their longest run of league games without a win, 16, since before women had the vote. Two more failures and this figure would be equalled.

This game was always going to be about crosses, their quality and the effectiveness with which the defences dealt with them. In the opening more interest to undertakers.

with them. In the opening minute a good, early centre from Elliott gave Forest con-siderable angst but Newcastle siderable angst but Newcastle in the 25th minute.

became just as flustered after Srnicek had met Saunders's that if they were going to cross with a weak punch.

in the 25th minute.

Forest must have suspected through on goal with the defence helpless. Only the ball's bobble saved Newcastle,

With Shearer and Ferdinand the targets, Newcastle were the more likely to pros-per from any half-decent service the wings provided. Yet Forest should have gone ahead in the fifth minute after Allen outpaced Watson on the left and cut into the penalty area before crossing low. Haaland had made a stealthy run through the middle, catching the Newcastle centre-backs unawares, but with the goal gaping he shot over the bar. As Ferdinand, having

found Ginola in space, met the Frenchman's cross with a glancing header over the har, it looked as if Forest would soon rue that missed opportu-nity. Yet Newcastle's passing took a while longer to find its usual fluency. Shearer hardly saw the ball during the opensaw the ball during the open-ing half-hour, slithough Cross-ley was glad enough to fist the ball off his eyebrows after Ginola's centre had swing towards the England striker

this was the time to strike. | Saunders making contact Woan's clever chip forward might have set Campbell up on the half-hour but he was not quite up to the chance Four minutes later Lyttle's centre from the right found Campbell unmarked near the six-yard line, but his header

back. For sides in Forest's po-sition, however, hearts are was awry.
Nottingham Forest reached
half-time in a slightly happier
frame of mind. Cooper and made to be broken and as Crossley blocked shots from Ginola and Shearer Newcas-Chettle had coped well with Shearer and Ferdinand, and tle began to look something more like their usual selves. the better chances had come

Forest's way. The last of these had fallen to Woan in the 41st minute, following a mix-up between Srnicek and Albert, but he lobbed the ball wide. Even then Newcastle could have grabbed the lead, but Ferdinand's close-range shot was

too high.
Twenty seconds into the second half, Watson met a ball from Cooper with a pan-icky header straight into the

Emerson flies into a late tackle from Bryan Robson

yesterosy and will have talks today over his future at the club with the man-ager Bryan Robson.

The wayward Brazilian, who has returned late to the club three times in the past month, was to have flown into Teesside airport with his wife Andrea but they were diverted to New-castle by fog. The 24 mil-lion midfielder declined to

Robson. A meeting with the chairman Steve Gibson and club officials will follow

tomorrow. Emerson, already fined nearly £100,000 for his tardiness, was late back from a trip to Rio and a weekend in Portugal last month, and this time he was supposed to return a week ago but missed two Premiership

MERSON, Middles-brough's wandering bus to his Teesside home.

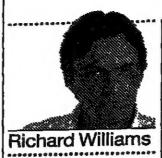
He is due to train this morning and then talk with yesterday and will have Robson. A meeting with the

force a £6 million transfer to Barcelona or Parma. Middlesbrough's chief ex-ecutive Keith Lamb said: "The important thing is to get him back here, then we can remind him of his obli-gations. He has signed a four-year contract and he must honour it. But we want conciliation, we want him to be happy here with

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No sympathy vote for coach Rowell



least, Jack Rowell is not the easiest of men with whom to empathise in moments of trial and tribulation. There is a harshness in his public manner that shade readily into something like arrogance, making him a natu-ral target for schadenfreude rather than sympathy when things go wrong for England's rugby team.

in bad times, his management style seems to draw un-necessary attention to itself. This is partly because he is, physically, a big man and hard to ignore on the training ground or in the grandstand. His presence is lofty, intense and critical. Whether he intends it or not, the impression is always given that the team is his creation, playing in his

looming shadow. It says something about his stewardship of England that. even after 2% years and an awful lot of matches, his team changes frequently provoke a reflex wince rather than an automatic nod of approval. So his selection of Jeremy Guscott to play out of position on the wing for Saturday's match against Argentina, thus postponing the choice between Guscott and Will Carling, looks like a rather contempt ible compromise rather than an inspiration, while picking Nick Beal to replace the inured Tim Stimpson at fullback provokes negative thoughts about the lates of

Can this really be a crisis time, so soon after last season's Triple Crown? Only if you think that defeat at the hands of the New Zealand Barbarians was a great deal more significant than the victory over Italy, and that the manner of it suggested England have made only negative progress in the past two years and are no further on the road towards World Cup success You do not need to swallow David Campese's provoca-

en Paul Hull

tions to share a belief that Rowell might be in for another season of uncomfortably intimate examination, intensified by the visits of the New Zea-landers, the Australians and the South Africans, each demonstrating not merely the ability of their players to think with the ball in their hands but the belief that even the top sides must remain mindful of the requirements of evolution and transition.

These three teams have reminded us what an incomparably better game rugby union is now than it was before the agonising process of modernisation began. And along with their familiar stars — the Fitzpatricks, Campeses and Westhuizens — they have taken the opportunity to show us the talents of the next

generation. Watching Christian Cullen attack England 10 days ago was like seeing Diego Marsdona make his Wembley debut. The 20-year-old New Zealand full-back gives the impression of being a talent on another level, although Eng-land's habit of giving him the ball and an acre of space to rim in could hardly have been cal-culated to lower his self-eseem. Carlos Spencer, a year older, benefited from Encland's tiredness when he arrived late on to show us his tricks, but what fantastic con-fidence be displayed as replacement fly-half. Inside him the unsung Justin Mar-shall had such a wonderfully effective game that he was practically invisible. So where, one thought, were

the two chaps who played at half-back for England last year as Rowell's designated successors to Dewi Morris and Rob Andrew? What were their names again? For all their impact on international rugby this season, Dawson and Grayson might as well have been Les and Larry. What a difference Jason

Robinson and Gary Connolly would make to Rowell's side. Like the New Zealand backs, the rugby league men distain play-by-numbers running, trusting their own instincts

HERE must be a growing suspicion that Mike Catt, who wins his 20th England cap on Saturday, is becoming rugby union's equivalent of Graeme Hick. Regarded with extreme awe when he arrived from southern Africa, and consistently devastating at club level, he now looks like a flattrack bully whose talent shrivels at the highest level of

Rowell coached him in his early days at Bath and presumably knows him as well as anyone. So I think we can say that a continuation of Catt's failure to impose himself in an England shirt will tell us at least as much about the coach as it does about the player.

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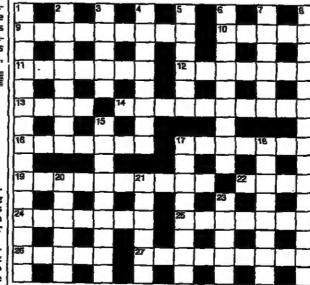
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